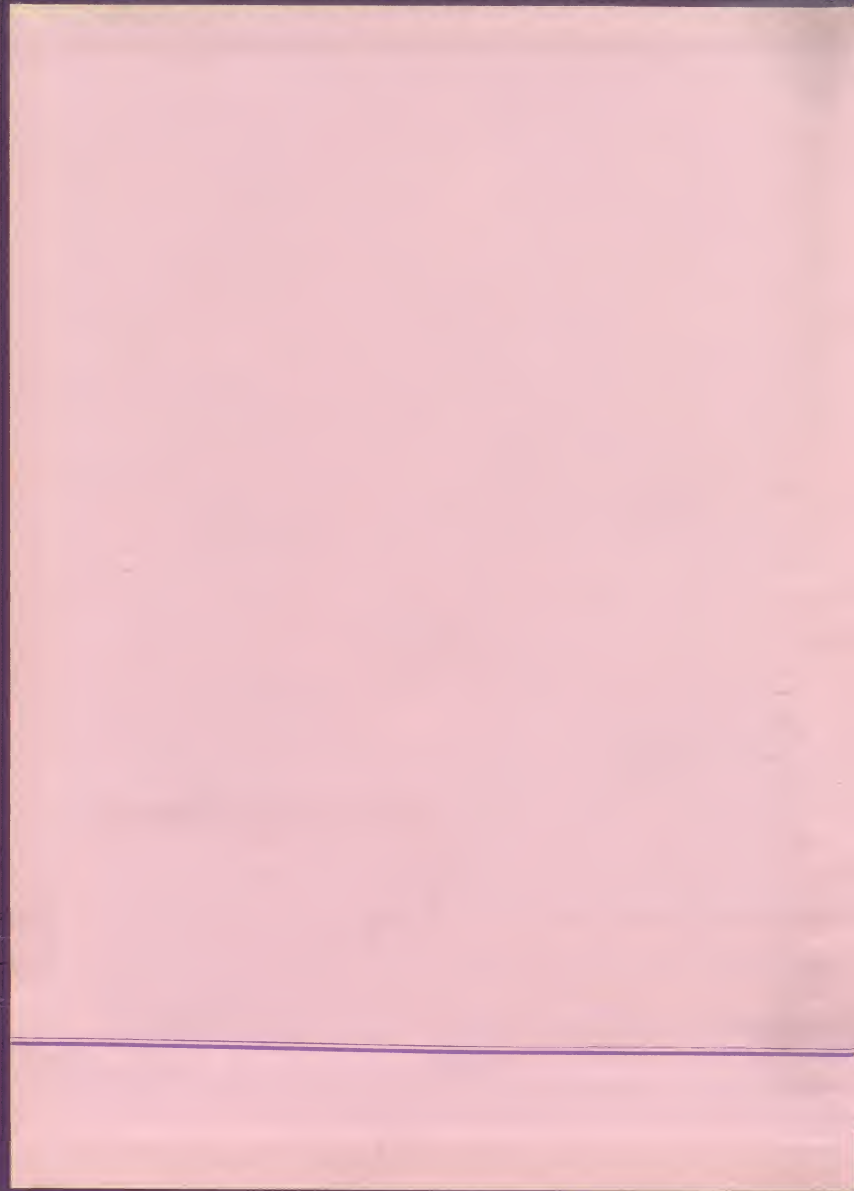


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the 1990s, the number of people in the UK who are aged 65 and over has increased from 10.5 million to 12.5 million, and the number of people aged 75 and over has increased from 4.5 million to 6.5 million (Office of National Statistics 2000).

There is a growing awareness of the need to address the needs of older people in the community. The Department of Health (1999) has published a strategy for older people, which sets out a vision for the future of older people's health and care. The strategy is based on the following principles: older people should be able to live independently and actively; older people should be able to access the services they need; and older people should be able to participate in decisions about their care and services.

The strategy also sets out a number of key objectives for the future of older people's health and care. These include: to improve the health and well-being of older people; to ensure that older people have access to the services they need; to ensure that older people are able to participate in decisions about their care and services; and to ensure that older people are able to live independently and actively.

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'One of a Kind' beginning for MHS

Our school is definately **"One of a Kind."** Many changes and new things were added to make it unique in 1983. For example, MHS has recently developed a way to welcome their incoming sophomores. A Big Brother and Big Sister club was organized to eliminate the negative feelings students often experience. According to Paul Schuyler, principal, "The idea was originally suggested during a Quest retreat last year."

Sophomore orientation was the day chosen to put Big Brother and Big Sister into effect. Exactly 400 underclassmen and 56 upperclassmen

participated. Laura Kapitan, sophomore, said, "The upperclassmen were very helpful."

Also, MHS has a new type of student I.D. "These I.D.'s serve many purposes," said Tom Herbert, assistant principal. They are for athletic passes, smoking permits and correctly identifying students.

Bill Kostantios, senior, stated, "I think they are stupid. I feel like I'm in prison." "They are a hassle," added Shelly Knopf, junior.

Some students felt differently. Becky Forsythe, senior, thought "the new I.D.'s were necessary and useful."

Another new policy greeting all students was restricted halls during lunch hours. The administrators at MHS wanted a place where students could gather without disturbing classes.

Herb Tolman, senior, said, "The restricted areas are stupid and I wish things would have been handled differently."

Yet, not all students thought it was a bad idea. Paula Vessely, senior, said, "It's a good idea because the people in class don't get disturbed, but the school should give the students a little more freedom."



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Brian Bardenso, junior, shows that MHS is "One of a Kind" at the 1982 play-off pep session.

One of the drum majors, Tim Runholt, leads the MHS band as they play the school song on Parent's Night.

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Putting on the finishing touches, Eleanor Lewis, art teacher, completes the new "Academic Hall of Fame".

Ron Gray, better known as Bucky, helps to gain spirit by cheering at football and basketball games as well as parade.

Original ideas unite students, faculty in '82-'83

Operation Pride made MHS **One of a Kind**. The idea originated with Mr. Schuyler and Jerald Reinhart, choral director. The concern for the lack of communication between various groups brought about this program.

Letters were sent to various students asking them to attend the first meeting. Mary Stanton, senior, was one of many students asked to attend. She said, "I thought it was about time that the students of this school were all together and not in separate cliques."

Trish Schreiner, senior, said, "I hope Operation Pride will get the school united. Sophomores, juniors and seniors should feel as one instead of separate."

In '82-'83 MHS was **"One of a**

Kind" because of all the new equipment in many different areas. The math and science departments added a new computers. Also, the business department has more word processors and IBM computers than any other school around here. Grace Bovard, business teacher, said, "MHS is very fortunate to have so many computers. The computers are helpful in teaching word processing."

Operation pride had a very positive effect on the student body. This is another reason why our school became **"One of a Kind."**

After the powder puff game, two people find a quiet moment alone by the bonfire.

Villarreal



Carol Tetter, aide, Kim Manigault, special education teacher, and Kim Meade, junior, take advantage of the new salad bar.

Paul Schuyler, principal, conducts mini sessions every Friday morning. They each last 15 minutes. He talks to many students about the meaning of operation pride.



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Parent/teacher conferences helped parents become better acquainted with teachers.

Cheri Vermillion, senior, gives MHS an early lead in the volleyball game against Hobart.

As the Ball State singing group entertained the students, Joe Michael, senior, showed his enthusiasm and dancing skill.



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Student Life:

During the summer, many students practiced hard for various sports. They were anxiously getting ready for the beginning of school and football season. The first day of school was "One of a Kind." "On the first day of school at MHS, I was worried about getting lost, and I did," said Buzzy Underwood, sophomore. Marty Geary, junior, said, "I'm glad I only have two years of high school left." "I feel sad because I know it's my last, first day of school," said Kim Koveck, senior.

Many dances are provided through-

out the year. The first one was the "Back to School Boogie", given by Student Council. Some others include Homecoming, the Halloween dance, turnabout, the Valentine's dance, and the most popular one — Prom.

Everyday moved the seniors closer to graduation. This is a time for excitement, but it's also sad to know high school ends soon. Bob Rosich, senior, said, "I'm excited to graduate but scared to be out on my own."



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During the Homecoming pep session, the sophomores show their excitement after hearing they won for "most spirit" during the powder puff game and parade.

After the Homecoming pep session, Jon Rhodes, Craig Kosac, and Brian Bardeson, juniors, carry on the spirit that MHS is "One of a Kind".

SUMMER: Sophomores attend first picnic

Summer vacation? Freedom, sunshine, beaches, travel, Fourth of July, fun, no school!

These are common words and phrases which come to students' minds when summer vacation is mentioned.

Along with the students of MHS, the community joined in on the summer's activities during the Fourth of July Parade. Local businesses, clubs, organizations and schools participated in the holiday festivities. The MHS marching band, pom-pom squad and cheerleaders were an entertaining sight. Lori Riddle, senior, showed her smile as Miss Indiana National Teenager, as she rode through the Fourth of July Parade.

Merrillville had its first annual Summerfest. It was held at Hidden Lake. MHS students, along with community members, enjoyed the many bands, carnival rides and delicious food. It was the first major attraction held in honor of Merrillville.

Travelers were everywhere. Not only in the United States but also outside the country. Carol Ensallaco, senior, said, "I really liked Germany, and enjoyed meeting all the different

people and traveling around." Others enjoyed our country. Camper Kathy Krol, junior, said, "Camping was an experience which was very memorable. I enjoyed swimming, skiing and doing other outdoor activities. I'm looking forward to going again next year."

"All work and no play" was also a slogan this summer. Students worked at various jobs to save money or to spend money. Chris Carneillo, junior, agreed, "Although working takes your free time away, it also gives you money."

Students not only participated in the traditional summer activities, like the Fourth of July Parade, but also in school related functions, such as camps and workshops, athletic team practices and the new Big Brother and Big Sister program.

The football team and track team worked over the summer improving their skills. Michelle Dzyacky, senior, said, "Over the summer I worked out with top caliber high jumpers, and learned how tough competition could be. I had a chance to try and correct my faults of last season and improve myself for this

season."

There were many camps and workshops for students. There was a camp for the cheerleaders and one for the pom-pom squad. The senior football players went on a football "Senior Retreat" at Turkey Run for three days. Jon Giacomini, senior, reported, "I enjoyed it very much. The other seniors and Rev. Chispell made it a success."

Purdue University offered a summer Engineering Seminar both at West Lafayette and Calumet City. Lynn Pigott, senior, attended the seminar in West Lafayette. She said, "The Engineering Seminar was an enjoyable experience. It gave me a taste of college life, and I can't wait until next year."

This summer the Big Brother and Big Sister club was organized to eliminate the negative feelings new students often experience. Paul Schuyler, principal, commented, "The club got off to an excellent start." The club took effect with orientation which took place on Aug. 24. Laura Kapitan, sophomore, commented, "The upperclassmen were very helpful."

Angela Andreatos

Even in the heat of the summer, the dedicated Pirates faithfully practice to improve their skills and go on to an excellent season.

Jim Gavelek, Shawn Vowell, Jay Mack, and Lou Castellani, sophomores, enjoy their lunch at the Big Brother and Big Sister Orientation.



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The MHS pom-pom squad and band march through the Fourth of July Parade, providing entertainment for the community.

MHS students wait for the first bell to ring which signals the end of summer.

FIRST DAY: Work again

Every year the students come back to the same old routine the sophomores made their debut, the juniors followed with pride and the seniors showed up with smiles just knowing "that this was it!"

Mike Stanborough, sophomore, said "I was scared at first, but I met a lot of really great people that made me feel right at home."

The seniors and juniors came to school with a few new rules and regulations added. The restricted hallways and the school ID's were issued to all the students.

The ID's are used for the smoking area and for athletic passes. Theresa Burger, junior, said, "The athletic pass comes in handy. I don't have to worry about getting tickets for any home games. The passes were an excellent idea!"

The parking permits is to be placed on the back bumpers of all cars parked in the parking lots.

If it is not there, the student will be suspended for up to two days," said John Stone, assistant principal.

Jon Rhodes, junior, said, "Its really not that much of a hassle to put the permit on my back bumper".

The restricted hallways are used to keep the noise traffic limited to gym. This keeps all the students restricted from the English and business hallways. "The restricted hallways were a pain at first, because I would usually stand at my locker after lunch, but I quickly got used to it," said Danna Beverly.

Kathy Beckham



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Boys in A — lunch make use of their time with a little basketball.

Operation Pride is just one of the activities that Nick Bravos takes part in.





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After the first day of school the students anxiously wait for their buses for the ride home on Aug. 30.

Along with the Pirates sticker MHS student cars can be seen with the new parking permits.

Checking the newly issued smoking permits in the smoking area is Janice Qualliza, athletic director.

HOMECOMING: Bucs 'celebrate' in '82

Homecoming, "It's a Celebration", became the highlight of the football season. The marching band announced to fans, parents and students lining the parade route that the Homecoming excitement had begun. The German Club won "Best Float", while the seniors won for "Best Theme". Lisa Carrigan, junior, said, "It was fun to be part of the parade." Another student, Louie Klimaszewski, senior, commented, "I thought the parade and powder puff game were the best ever, and it really tore me up because I knew it was the last one."

The fearsome sophomores over

powered the juniors in the first game, 12-8. The seniors then whipped the sophomores 16-8 in the second game. Debbie Chidester, senior, said, "I liked the powder puff game, it was a lot of fun because we won. It was sad because I knew I wasn't coming back again."

After the powder puff game, everyone gathered around the bonfire and kept warm. Liz Wardell, sophomore, said, "I thought it was really exciting because it was my first Homecoming."

Kim Koveck

During the Homecoming parade, Alex Stojanovski, sophomore, keeps the band in beat as it heads down Broadway.



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The senior powder-puff cheerleaders, Jeff Snemis, Pete Zervos and Brian Petrovich, seniors, show their spirit as they "perform" on the senior float.

Kathy Hicks, senior, and friends show enthusiasm as they ride on the FEA float.

Homecoming candidates, Karyn Palvas, Karen Rendina, Tuesday Grant, and Lisa Mack, seniors, smile at MHS patrons as they ride down Broadway.



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The senior powder-puff team shows the parade spectators before the big game that they are No. 1.



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Sophomore powder-puff players defeated the juniors in the first game.

Kelly Keough, senior coach, gives the fearsome girls a pep talk before the game. The seniors defeated the sophomores 16-8 in the final game.

HOME COMING: Excitement continues

The celebration went on and excitement continued to build as the Pirates prepared to fight the Valpo Vikings. Friday's activities began with the pep rally. Members of fall sports teams were honored and all wished the Pirates good luck.

The winners from Thursday's parade were said by Nick Bumbales, senior. The sophomore's enthusiasm won their powder puff firetruck the "Most Spirited". However, it was the senior float, "Don't Stop Believin' In Pirate Pride", that won as the "Best Class Float". Confetti and signs filled the senior section as the champions of the powder puff game declared their victory to all.

The senior football player's election of the 1982 Mr. Football resulted in a tie. Dave Woodward and Doug Cochran, seniors, were named Mr. Football. They each received a football signed by the players. "I was surprised," said Woodward as Cochran added, "I was very honored."

Before the game, a spaghetti dinner was held in the cafeteria by the Quest Club and the athletic department. Students, parents and alumni attended the dinner before going to the field for the big game.

At the half, the Pirates were down 0-7. But the fans kept their faith as they anxiously awaited the crowning of the Homecoming Queen. Members of the court were Tuesday Grant, Lisa Mack, Karyn Palvas, and Karen Rendina, seniors. The girls were escorted by one or both parents. Richard Demaree escorted the 1981 queen, Denise Dudak. She crowned the queen, Tuesday Grant. After the excitement, Grant commented, "I was very happy."

The game continued with the Pirates striking back and tying the opponents. When time ran out, the score remained tied and the game went into overtime. Suspense filled the air as the fans desperately

cheered their team on. With a successful field goal by Branko Jocić, junior, the crowd went wild. The Pirates defeated the Vikings, 10-7.

After celebrating Friday's victory, the students were ready for the week's finale, the Homecoming dance. The dance was held on Oct. 16 in the MHS cafeteria. However, festively decorated with helium balloons and streamers to compliment the theme "It's a Celebration", it could hardly be called a cafeteria anymore. Music was provided by L & L Mobile Sound and Lighting Company. Spasoff Studios took the dance pictures. The Student Council sponsored most of the Homecoming activities. Beth Bianco, senior parade committee chairman, said, "We worked hard on Homecoming, but I think everyone had a good time and it was well worth it."

Jill Pennock



After being crowned Homecoming Queen, Tuesday Grant poses with the 1981 queen, Denise Dudak.

Sophomores show their spirit as they cheer the Pirates on at the Homecoming pep session.



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Couples dance to the music of L & L Mobile Sound and Lighting Company at the Homecoming dance.

After an exciting week, Mary Santos and Mark Thompson, sophomores, join the celebration.

After receiving the Mr. Football awards, Dave Woodward and Doug Cochran, seniors, express their thanks to loyal Pirate fans.

HANGOUTS: Friday night attractions

A long week of homework and studying is over. It's Friday night — the night you've been waiting for all week to go out with your friends, forget school, and just get rowdy.

The night starts with a football or basketball game, where you yell and cheer the Pirates on to victory. After the game, you're still wound up with excitement and ready for fun as you and your friends leave the parking lot with the radio jamming.

Where to now?

"After a game, you want to go where the gang is," said Deena Takis, senior.

In '82, "the gang" usually went to **Godfather's Pizza**. "Most people go there," said Nick Bravos, senior, "because it's newer and has better pizza. It's a good place for everyone to get together and talk."

Lynn Pigott, senior said, "Godfather's has a good atmosphere because it's very lit up and open, so that you can see the whole place at one glance."

"We enjoy the students and having them here," said Henry Ludwign, assistant manager at Godfather's. "We are always packed with high school students on Friday and Saturday nights, usually serving about 400 after a game. All we require is that they don't tear the place down."

Susan Kozak, junior, gave the most common testimonial for Godfather's when she said, "I go there to see everyone else."

Not everyone migrated to Godfather's, however, some opted for **Shakey's** or another restaurant instead. "I usually go to Shakey's or even **Poppin' Fresh Pies** after a game just to get away from the crowds and relax," said Ken Haupt, junior.

"I like going to **Pizza Hut** after games because Godfather's is usually too crowded," added Dee Hill, sophomore.

"If you want to be with friends from other schools, Shakey's is the place to be," said Cathy Seber, senior. "People go

there from Hobart, Crown Point, Andean and Merrillville."

Shakey's \$1 minimum food purchase worked more favorably than Godfather's \$2 requirement and specified size pizza. But as Phil Pardus, sophomore, said, "Spending a couple of dollars is worth having a chance to sit back and talk without a teacher rapping you up side the head."

Still others, as Takis put it, "Head for the nearest party."

Most, such as Hill, especially liked the dances held after some games. "I thought the dances were great. You didn't have to buy food — you could just walk around and see nearly everyone from school there."

It all boils down to simply having fun. Who can forget milling around the arcades at Godfather's

or Shakey's, slipping a quarter into the jukebox, or eating with one eye on that special someone in the next booth? Friday night — one night of freedom to relax and enjoy. As Seber said, "Going somewhere after games is a good time to see old friends, meet new friends, and enjoy yourself."

Carla Marson

Enjoying their pizza, Susan Hines, Cheri Adler, Sue Metros, sophomores, migrate to Godfather's after a home football game.



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The inside of Godfather's Pizza appears to be an overcrowded classroom of MHS students. Students go there to enjoy good friends and good food.

After a Friday night football game, many MHS students go to Godfather's Pizza.

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At poolside, the band, Departure, entertains students and guests at the Hodiday Plaza in Merrillville.

DRAMA: Play 'goes on'

The fall play "Our Town" was presented in Reinhart Auditorium on Nov. 11-14. The play took place in a small New England town. The characters consisted of the members of two families, the Gibb's and the Webb's. Martha Otterbacher directed "Our Town".

The play went smoothly. However, one problem was presented when Andy Otterbacher, senior, had to be replaced in part as stage manager by Tim Runholt, junior. Suffering from mono, Otterbacher was unable to participate in the play. Dan Proctor, sophomore, said, "I think everyone did a good job

in overcoming the problem and the play was a success."

Bridget Robertson senior, said, "I really enjoyed the play. I loved it. It was great." Mrs. Otterbacher commented, "I think this group of kids has great potential."

Some cast members felt that there wasn't quite enough publicity for "Our Town". Laura LaMarca, senior, commented, "I feel that more publicity would have definitely increased the attendance of the play."

Jill Pennock

'Our Town' cast

Stage Manager — Tim Runholt
Dr. Gibbs — Dan Vojovic
Joe Crowell — Bobby McGuckin
Howie Newsome — Dan Proctor
Mrs. Gibbs — Wendy Blankenship
Mrs. Webb — Laura LaMarca
George Gibbs — Mark Sopko
Rebecca Gibbs — Kelly Ellich
Wally Webb — Michael Henninger
Emily Webb — Mary Stanton
Mr. Webb — Brian Tretter
Woman in the Balcony — Angie Canchola
Lady in the Box — Linda Roe
Simon Stimson — Bill McCoy

Mrs. Soames — Jessie King
Constable Warren — Rob Winchester
Si Crowell — Bobby McGuckin
Baseball Player — Julian Stryczek
Baseball Player — Scott Otterbacher
Baseball Player — Jeff Lee,
Sam Craig, Julian Stryczek
Joe Stoddard, Tom Runholt
People of the Town — Sherri Rose,
Nada Miljkovic, Karen Smolnicki,
Tim Runholt, Angie Canchola,
Laura LaMarca, Linda Roe,
Sandy Grant, Paul Van Simaey,
Dave Shatkowski





During a solemn discussion, Dr. Gibbs, played by Dan Vujovic, senior, explains the facts of life to his son George, played by Mark Sopko, senior.

The town gossip, Mrs. Soames, played by Jessie King, junior, spreads rumors to Mrs. Gibbs and Mrs. Webb, played by Wendy Blankenship and Laura LaMarca, seniors.

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George Gibbs and Emily Webb, played by Mark Sopko and Mary Stanton, seniors, express their feelings during a love scene.

The milkman, Howie Newsome, played by Dan Proctor, sophomore, delivers milk to Mr. and Mrs. Webb, played by Brian Tretter, junior, and Laura LaMarca, senior.

Dancing the night away, Janice Lilly, junior, and her date attend the "Back to School Boogie."

Enjoying the beat, Bob Fox and Dawn Spiroff, juniors, do the bop at the "Back to School Boogie."



Karen Eyrich, Gus Tascias Veronica Garza, Matt Wilk, Natalie Coyle, and Bob Gasich, sophomores, enjoy the experience of their first MHS Turnabout Dance.

Carol Teeter, FEA sponsor, and her husband take time out to enjoy a little soft music.



DANCES: 'Boogie' away



The students at MHS "danced the night away".

Diane Ciochina, sophomore, said "The 'Back to School Boogie' was a great chance to meet a lot of new friends." The Student Council sponsored the dance. The Student Council also sponsored the pre-Homcoming dance, the "Can-Can Dance." The dance was to help provide the less fortunate with canned foods for the holidays.

The FEA sponsored the Tournabout dance. This dance raised money for senior scholarships that FEA provides," said Carol Teeter, FEA sponsor.

Lori Jlesky and Steve Nicholich, seniors, said, "Getting dressed up was exciting" and that L. & L.'s Mobil Disco made dancing with their friends the best part.

Kathy Beckham



The "Back to School Boogie" attracts "Dance Fever" enthusiasts Mike Stanborough and Mary Croarkin, sophomores.

Ross Pupillo and Cathy Santucci, seniors, enjoy a quiet moment together during the Tournabout Dance sponsored by FEA.

REVUE: Peanuts gang shines

The Thespians put on their traditional variety show on February 24-26. Many of the skits with dancers, comedians and bands made the audience laugh, cry and jump out of their seats.

The show was hosted by the "Peanuts" characters. Laurie Reinhart junior, said, "The most exciting part about the play was finally performing for my classmates."

Bruce Woods, director said, "All who participated did a wonderful job"

and "my first year directing a pleasure. They were a great bunch to work with!"

Joe Morrow, business manager, commented, "The audience was very receptive to the Revue." He felt that everyone enjoyed it.

Marla Kaser, junior, said, "I especially enjoyed the dancing, and I felt that all who participated showed their talent well."

Kathy Beckham

Revue '83 cast

Peanuts Gang

Charlie Brown Rob Winchester
Snoopy Andy Otterbacher
Linus Dan Proctor
Lucy Cheryl Hardt
Peppermint Patty Laurie Reinhart
Schroeder Bill McCoy

Angie Canchola, Tom Runholt, John Harper, Glenda Gress, Ron Gray, Karin Teller, Dan Vujovic, Adam Fabrici, Ron Bianco, Don Bianco, Ken Haupt, Phil Labash, Nada Miljkovic, Jessie King, Carolyn Price, Sandra Grant, John Russell, Rachel Abramson, Tim Runholt, Mary Stanton

CAST



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Snoopy portrayed by Andy Otterbacher, senior, sits quietly outside his dog house.



Some of the "Peanuts" gang, Dan Proctor, Linus; Cheryl Hardt, Lucy; and Laurie Reinhart, Peppermint Patty are having just a few disagreements.

Jessie King, junior, does her thing in the Revue '83 to the song "Take off with us".



Kawicki



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Laurie Reinhart and Rob Winchester, juniors, sing a duet to show how much they really care about each other.

Kawicki

HOMEcoming: Seniors reign

Basketball Homecoming, although fairly new at MHS, was quite popular.

Its many events began with Spirit Week which included College T-shirt Day, Preppy Day, Clash Day, Sweats Day and Purple and White Day. Sue Canchola, junior, stated, "I felt that the spirit days made it possible for everyone to participate."

Though each class participated enthusiastically, the Senior Class won the spirit stick which was presented to them at the pep session on Friday afternoon.

Many different events took place at the pep session. A small scale parade took place in the gym with floats, built on wagons entered by each class and many clubs. Winning best float was the Spanish Club.

Also announced were Dan French Stacey Plesha, sophomore Prince and Princess, Craig Kosac and Mandy Leposky, junior Prince and Princess, and Skip Walker, Lisa Mack, senior King and Queen. Lisa Mack said, "I felt very honored and pleased to be Basketball Homecoming Queen."

Homecoming activities continued Saturday night when the MHS fans gathered to watch our 72-49 victory over the Munster Mustangs.

Concluding the Homecoming events was a dance held by the M-club. Josie Arena, sophomore, commented, "The Basketball Homecoming dance was exciting, and we should have them more often."

Angela Andreatos



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Kawicki

Proudly displaying the junior float, Scott Mizerak pulls it out onto the gym floor during the pep session.

Don Engel, Nick Bumbales, and Casey Carrabine, seniors, struggle for the spirit stick that the seniors won for the most spirited class.

Sophomore Prince and Princess
Dan French, Stacey Plesha



King and Queen
Skip Walker, Lisa Mack



Junior Prince and Princess
Craig Kosac, Mandy Leposky



Kawicki



Gray



Kawicki

The Sophomore Class gets "fired-up" before the pep session.

On Clash Day, Tom Cameron, assistant athletic director, and Janice Qualizza, athletic director, contribute to the Basketball Homecoming Spirit Week.



Trying to outwit one another, Laszlo Hertelendy and Mark Kezy, seniors, plan their strategy in checkers.



While enjoying a game of Uno, Patty McNally and Diane Vermillion, juniors, wait to see what Bob Scheub, sophomore, has in store for them.

While setting up the game, Pat Armstrong, English teacher, explains the rules of Clue to Sandy Lines, Susan Metros, and Robin Sanko, sophomores.



ACTIVITY: MHS provides fun

Throughout the year students were given many opportunities to get involved in recreational activities. Intramural Tournaments was a new program started in 1982. Jim East, history teacher and basketball coach, organized the tournaments.

The tournaments were held in the downstairs gym during lunch periods. MHS has never before opened the gym for recreational activities during lunch. The tournaments were open to anyone, although there were no girls who signed up.

Some of the tournaments held were basketball, "Horse," Twenty-one and table tennis. Many students participated in these tournaments. Other tournaments were suggested but the limited amount of time available made them impossible.

Coach East said, "I think that the students enjoyed the Intramural tournaments, but there's only so much you can do in such a short amount of time." During days that a tournament wasn't taking place, the gym was open for the students to use as they pleased.

Winners of the tournaments received trophies. The Student Activity fee paid for the trophies.

Scott Orosz, senior, winner of the "Horse" commented, "I enjoyed Intramurals. I think it's a good idea to give students something to do at lunch since they're not allowed in the hallways."

Activity periods offered another opportunity for students to enjoy different recreational activities.

Paul Schuyler, principal, started the Activity Program at MHS several years ago. He saw it done at Taft Junior High School and liked the idea and brought it to Merrillville.

Students were required to sign up for one subject of their choice. Those who didn't were assigned to study halls. Some of the most popular activities offered were basketball, raquetball, Shape-up, beautiful you and Uno.

The teachers chose whatever they wished as their subject. Pat Mulloy, government teacher, said, "I chose Boggle for enjoyment more than anything else. I enjoy activity periods

and I think the students do too."

This year activity periods were held only during the second semester. Tom Herbert, assistant principal, commented, "At the beginning of the year the students are kept occupied with Homecoming activities. During the second semester is when they need a break from regular classes. Also, the teachers are very busy at the beginning of the year."

Joe Michael, senior, commented, "I enjoyed it my sophomore and junior year. However, now I'm a little tired of it. I guess I've run out of things to take and would rather go home earlier anyway."

Mr. Herbert said, "I think it would be well worth it if all of the students got involved. Too many of them take study halls or don't bother to sign up at all. I'm hoping that with only five activity periods scheduled, the students appreciate them and get involved."

Jill Pennock



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During activity period, Jeff Kontor, junior, Gene Guernsey and Nick Bumbales, seniors, concentrate on "Uno".

With the help of Dick Ebler, English teacher, Chris Daniels, sophomore, learns some new moves in chess.

The MHS first caravan provided an exciting send off for the Pirates when they departed for the regionals at West Side.

During the Gary Regional game against Lew Wallace, Lenny Schmidt, senior, shoots for two. Despite the Pirates valiant effort, the Hornets managed to slip by with a last second shot 52-50.



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Merrillville fans experience the thrill of victory as they rush out on to the floor after defeating Munster for the Sectional crown.





The Merrillville crowd gets into the "sectional spirit" as they cheer their team on to victory.

Cutting down the net is a privilege reserved for winners. Mike Meshede, junior, enjoys this moment after playing a hard game against Munster.



WINNING: Enthusiasm backs Pirates

When the basketball team started into the Sectional Tournament, it was like the beginning of a new season. The MHS student body began preparing for this new season during the week before the final game.

Student Council sponsored a spirit competition between all three grades. The sophomores were assigned the upstairs math and science hall. The juniors were assigned the front English hall. And the seniors were assigned the main hall. Each class decorated their area with signs supporting the team.

Carol Teeter, aide, Valerie Tanke, publications advisor, and Jim East, history teacher and basketball coach, judged which hall was decorated the best. The seniors won and received a plaque which now hangs in the main office.

Lori Jeleski, Student Council president, got the idea of the sign competition from Pierce Junior High School. Anne Guba, Student Council vice president, said, "We used to have this type of competition at Pierce and it worked well, so Lori suggested that we try it here."

The Pirates won the first game of the Sectionals against Calumet. They

then went on to face Lake Central and Munster over the weekend. Many fans traveled to Calumet to support the team and be a part of their victory. The Saturday night victory over Munster ended with the ceremonial cutting down of the net.

The following week was filled with excitement and preparation for regionals. A car caravan on Saturday morning sent the Pirates off to West Side.

Coach East came to the Student Council with the idea of the caravan. He got the idea from schools where he used to teach. All students and community members were encouraged to decorate their cars and drive in the caravan.

Coach East explained, "I wanted to try the caravan at MHS to get community involvement. Merrillville is a large, spread out community, and sometimes it's hard to get everyone involved. I think the caravan was very successful, especially for the first year."

The caravan followed the team bus and two fan buses to the game. It was police escorted non-stop to West Side. It was over a mile in length.

Margaret Stallings, home economics teacher, Mrs. Tanke and Mrs. Teeter

judged the cars. Ten dollar gift certificates to Hegewisch Records were given to the people with the best decorated cars. Michelle and Carri Broda, sophomores, won first place. Second place went to Phil Pardus, sophomore. Bill McCoy, junior, came in third.

When asked if he thought the caravan helped the team, Coach East said, "I think it helped a lot. Instead of getting support from the school the day before the game at a pep rally, the team got support from the community on the way to the game, when they really needed it."

Dennis Metcalf, senior basketball player, said, "I think the caravan was great. It got everyone actually involved."

Besides sponsoring the caravan, Student Council also distributed signs to local businesses supporting the Pirates. Lori Jeleski said, "We tried to get support from the community as well as the school, and I think it worked out well."

The Pirates lost in the first game of regionals. The Lew Wallace Hornets managed to slip by the Pirates 52-50 in the final seconds of the game. But the Pirate fans still had a lot to be proud of.

Jill Pennock

FUN: MHS gets off their 'donkeys'

Englehart Gym was full of thrills, and a strange smell filled the air as the Donkey Basketball game on Mar. 15. The students that played on each team were picked by class presidents.

Each team had four people on the court at a time trying to shoot baskets.

Annette Thompson, junior, said, "They were funny to watch, and hope I can participate next year."

The teachers really had a

difficult time keeping up with the sophomores and seniors. The reason for their defeat, as Roger Hankins, U.S. History teacher, saw it, most of the teachers had problems getting off their "jack asses!"

Tom Cameron, assistant athletic director, said, "A victory could have been taken by the teachers if I could have had a shorter donkey." These were just some of the excuses that the faculty stated.

But, MHS knows the real truth.

"As a senior I was really glad to participate in the game, my only regret was I missed my layup," said Sandy Merced, senior.

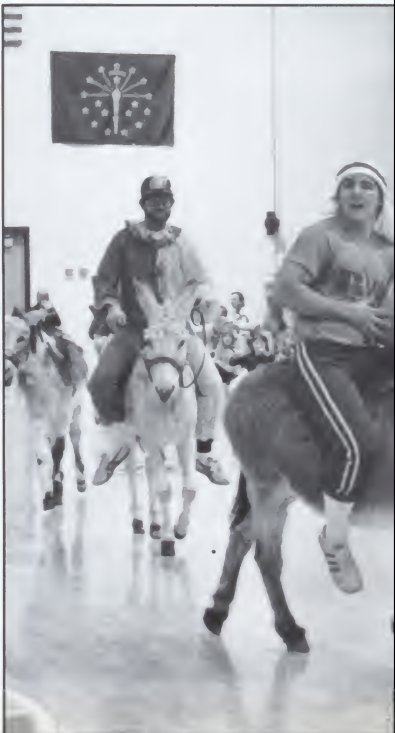
Jeff Olejnik junior, said, "I hope the faculty will have the basketball game next year. It was one of the better events of the year."

Kathy Beckham



Sandy Merced, senior, trying her hardest to stay on her donkey, finally missed her only scoring opportunity.

The fast break of senior Don Engle's donkey is too much for the faculty's defense.





On looker Mike Reagan, U.S. History teacher, watches Jay Mack, sophomore, shoot the winning basket.

As he reaches the ball, Tim Riese, junior, plays tug-of-war with his stubborn donkey.



Jennifer Thompson, junior, goes up for two of the Junior Class's points.



photos/Kawicki

BLOOD DRIVE: MHS 'gives life'

The Red Cross blood supply has helped save millions of lives throughout the years. Adding to their supply were many MHS students.

The students set a school record this year, donating 162 units of blood. The blood would be taken by the Red Cross to be examined further. First it will be type-cross matched, and then they will run it through 17 various tests. From there, the blood is sent to the different hospitals.

There were some who helped with the blood drive, and others who just contributed. Dolores Poxon, nurse,

asked students who had given blood last year to help. Among the helpers was Polly Cimbalevich, senior, who commented, "I totally support the blood drive and feel that everyone who is able to should give."

Teachers along with the students contributed to the blood drive. After giving blood, Roger Hankins, social studies teacher, said, "I felt very exhilarated that my pint of blood would have the potential to save a life."

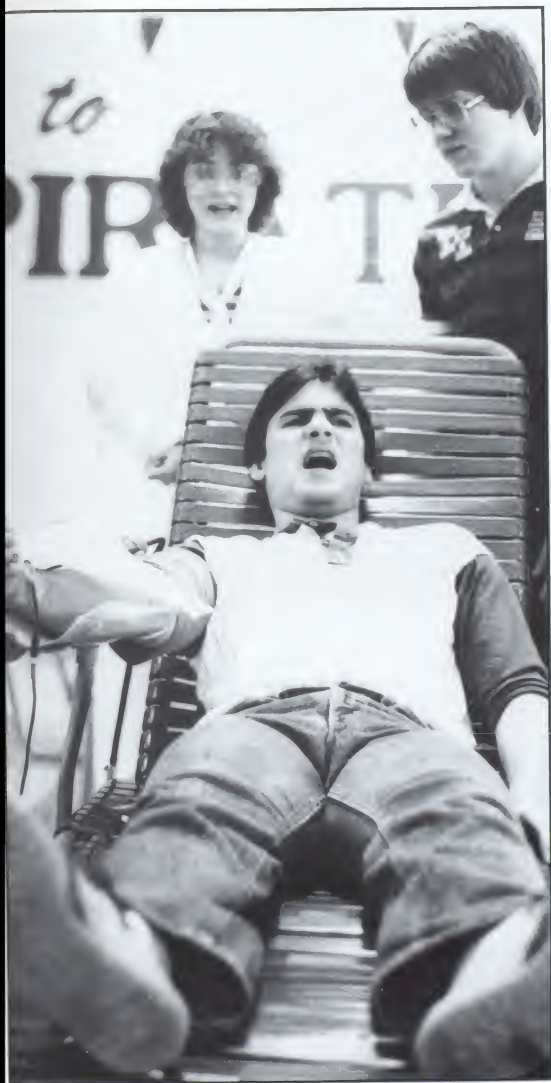
Angela Andreatos



Even the faculty got into the spirit of donating as Marguerite Miller, secretary, demonstrates.

Strapped down to the chair, Rich Jimenez, junior, is having second thoughts, before giving blood.





Before giving blood, Skip Walker, senior, gives his medical history to Red Cross volunteers.

"Ouch!" seems to be the reaction of Craig Parker, junior, as he helps save others by donating a pint of blood.

After giving blood, Janet Wirtz, junior, compresses her blood vein.



photos/Parpart

BANQUETS: Dinners, awards highlight evenings

The Sports banquets are just a small part of the banquets that take place during the year. Different clubs organize banquets to show their appreciation to those that have excelled through the year.

The Publications banquet was held on May 19, at Elmars. Local newspapers joined Valarie Tanke, publications adviser, by giving two "Most Valuable Staffer" awards. Barb Underwood, senior, said, "I appreciate the award, and I am glad the staff appreciates what I do for the yearbook. Laura LaMarca, senior, won the award for the newspaper staff.

The band banquet was on May 11, at Harrison Junior High. Laura LaMarca won the John Phillips Sousa award. Ken Haupt, junior, said, "The entertainment was real real good, especially the Miss Band contest."

The Choir banquet was held on May 17, at Merrillville's own cafeteria. Ray Parpart, Vocalteens president, said, "The banquet was great because it was the last time I was with my friends." Most of the awards given were gag awards. The rest were saved for Awards Night.

Kathy Beckham



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Giving out a senior certificate. Brian Tretter, junior, hands recipient Glenda Gress, senior, the award at the Thespian Banquet.

Laura LaMarca, senior, announces the band's "Beauty Contest" winners



Joe Ameling, boys tennis coach awards Joe Arrendondo for "Best Mental Attitude."

Contestants for the Miss Band Contest take a walk for the audience.

photos/Kawicki



Receiving his athletic award at the Spring Sports Banquet, Make Safealeros, senior, shakes hands with assistant soccer coach Steve Peacy.



WORKING: Students seek \$ for 'pocket change'

School is not the only responsibility of MHS students. Many students use their spare time wisely by taking on part-time jobs. The most common part-time jobs are fast food restaurant employees, salespeople, cashiers and retail clerks employed within the malls.

Most of the working students save money for weekend activities, which include football and basketball games, movies and money for filling up their cars with gas. Barry Woodward, junior, said, "Working a few hours at Kitchen Krafts gives me my extra spending money for the weekend."

Yet some seniors think more practically like Steve Bunnell. He said, "By working, I can save

money to put myself through college."

Jackie Jaksa, junior, commented, "My job at Burlington Coat Factory in Century Mall gives me Christmas spending money."

While Anne Guba, senior, said, "I work because of the enjoyable people I work with at McDonald's and the money I save for college."

Most of the working students enjoy their jobs, though those who don't find it so glamorous just grunt and bear it. Robin Wade, junior, said, "Working at Burger King in the mall is not the best job, but it helps support my weekend activities."

Angela Andreatos



Parpart

Cinema workers. Laurie Reinhart and Angela Canchola. Clean up after all the movie goers

Ray Parpart and Carolyn Price do their part in the sound booth for organizations that hire them to work in the auditorium.





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One style of bagging groceries is shown here by Ron Rakos, junior, while working at Jewell's before they closed their Merrillville store.

During a busy day at work, Phil Janovick, junior, and Bob Rosich, senior, take time out from work at Piatek's.

PLAY: Thespians bring laughter to MHS

The spring play "You Can't Take It With You" was presented by the Thespians in Reinhart Auditorium on April 21 to 24. The first three shows were performances from 8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. The final performance was a Sunday matinee at 2 p.m.

"You Can't Take It With You" was based on a love story. The two leading roles, Tony Kirby and Alice Sycamore, were played by Andy Otterbacher and Linda Roe, seniors. Martha Otterbacher directed the play.

The Kirby family was a highly respected, well-to-do family. On the other hand, the Sycamore family was considered to be rather eccentric. When Tony and Alice's families met,

the play became very entertaining and comical.

Dan Vujovic, senior, commented on the play, "I think this is the funniest play the Thespians have ever presented. The audience really responded to this play, and it was very successful."

Publicity for "You Can't Take It With You" was started much earlier than it was for other plays. Andy Otterbacher said, "This year publicity went out earlier; therefore, more people knew about it and more showed up."

Pill Pennock

"You Can't Take It With You" Cast

Penny Sycamore — Mary Stanton
Essie — Sandy Grant
Rheba — Laura LaMarca
Paul Sycamore — Dan Proctor
Mr. Depinna — Bill McCoy

Ed — Brian Tretter
Donald — Tim Runholt
Martin Vanderhof — Mary Sopko
Alice — Linda Roe

Henderson — Adam Frabrici
Tony Kirby — Andrew Otterbacher
Boris Kolenkhov — Dan Vujovic
Gay Wellington — Jeannette Galovic
Mr. Kirby — Tom Runholt
Mrs. Kirby — Glory Murray
Jeff Lee — Scott Otterbacher
Three Government Men — Paul Van Sinaeys
Olga — Cheryl Hardt



Mr. Kolenkhov, played by Dan Vujovic, senior, introduces Olga, played by Cheryl Hardt, junior, to Penny, played by Mary Stanton, senior.

Dan Proctor, sophomore, and Mary Stanton, senior, as Paul and Penny listen as Gay Wellington, played by Jeannette Galovic, senior, reads Penny's play.



photos/Kawicki

At a dance lesson, Essie, played by Sandy Grant, senior, demonstrates her talent for her teacher, Mr. Kolenkhov, played by Dan Vujovic, senior.



photos/Gress

Preparing for the performance, Glory Murray, junior, receives her finishing touches of make-up from Lisa Rusbasan, senior.



photos/Kawicki



During rehearsal, Andy Otterbacher, senior, and Linda Roe and Tom Runholt, juniors, concentrate on their lines.

While setting the table, Rheba, played by Laura LaMarca, senior, looks at fireworks made by Mr. DePinna, played by Dan Proctor, sophomore.

AWARDS Night: MHS honors 'top notch' students

On Thursday, May 19, 1983, awards were given to MHS students. Recognized were those who received scholarships, academic excellence and various organizational awards.

Co-Valedictorians and Salutatorians: Angela Andreatos, Carol Ensalcaco, Dan Johnson, Linda Laudani, and Ed Brizendine.

American Legion "Outstanding Senior Boy and Girl" Award: Ed Brizendine and Carol Ensalcaco.

American Red Cross Blood Drive Award: Polly Cimbalevich.

American Scholarship Program: Carol Ensalcaco.

Art Awards: Kim Greene, Linda Laudani, Karen Sierkowski, Sandra Grant, Paul Steininger, Chris Tomondi, Chris Welch, Vicki Jewel, James Smoot, Deane Shuman, Sherry D'Asto, Paula Daniel, Karen Wilk, Frank Chew, Liza Geeze.

Ball State Distinguished Scholar Award: Tim Mesarch.

Bausch and Lomb Award: Joe Michael.

Beta Sigma Phi Scholarship: Debbie Fisk.

Boys' and Girls' State Delegates: Joe Pienta, Carl Tully, Brian Curcio, Scott Mundell, Cindy Lamfalusi, Shari Moore, Jennifer Thompson, Kandy Papageorge, Jennifer Turean, Laurie Reinhart.

Calumet College Alumni Book Award: Joe Zajac.

Choir Boosters Award: Ray Parpart.

Commission on Presidential Scholars: Carol Ensalcaco.

Danforth Foundation Awards: Angela Andreatos, Jeff Brown.

Daughter of the American Revolution "Good Citizenship Award": Debbie Fisk.

Elks "Most Valuable Student": Carol Ensalcaco.

Exchange Club Youth of the Month: Carla Marson, Lori Riddle.

German American National Congress Scholarship: Andy Otterbacher.

G.F.W.C. Suburban Federated Women's Club Choral Award: Ray Parpart.

Greek American Brotherhood Scholarship: Angela Andreatos.

Hoosier Scholars Indiana Scholarship Commission: Joe Michael, Brad Touchette, Karen Wilk.

Hugh O'Brien Outstanding Sophomore: Eric Michael.

Indiana Society of Professional Engineer Awards: Dan Johnson, Linda Laudani, Ed Brizendine.

Indiana Sheriff's Association: Dave Satka.

Indiana University Office of Latino Affairs and Hispanic Student Achievement Award: Conrad Jiminez.

Inland Steel-Ryerson Foundation Scholarship: Adam Fabrici, Ron Holbrook, Mark Johnson, Rich Melvick, Lynn Pigott.

Jill Jaskolka Memorial Scholarship: Brad Touchette.

Josten's Foundation Scholarship Award: Carol Ensalcaco.

JETS Team: Sherry D'Asto, Mark Dimitri, Carol Ensalcaco, Dan Johnson, Linda Laudani, Joe

Michael, Rade Radjenovich, Eric Schrenker, Scott Terek.

Kiwanis (Merri-Glen) Career Seminar: Cheryl Fossey, Carrie Czarnecki, Ann Guba, Nick Bumbales.

Kiwanis (Merrillville) Police Career Seminar: Mark Merced, Mike Mihal, Scott Riccardi.

Kiwanis Scholarship: Kelly Lepp.

LaSalle Steel Company: Cathy Geske.

Louise Young Nurses Scholarship: Mary Krol.

Media Fair Award: John Harper, Don Bianco, Ron Bianco.

National Merit Scholarship Corporation: Carol Ensalcaco, Jill Enzwiler, Terry Flynn, Dan Johnson, Linda Laudani, Carla Marson, Karen Wilk.

Order of Sons of Italy in America Scholarship: Margaret Glorioso.

Publication Awards: Barb Underwood, Laura LaMarca, Lori



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Rimer, Carla Marson, Trish Schriener, Lenny Schmidt, John Yakubec, Kathy Wiggins, Jackie Swike.

Purdue University, Lafayette — Certificates of Achievement: Ed Brizendine, Jeff Brown, Casey Carrabine, Terry Flynn, Ron Holbrook, Karen Huber, Dan Johnson, Joe Koepke, Mary Krol, Tim Mesarch, Joe Michael, Lynn Pigott, Judy Pluth.

Purdue University, Calumet — Talent Awards: Tom Adams, Adam Fabrici, Mark Howe, James Johnson, Steve Kaschak, Linda Laudani, Kelly Lepp, Willie Morris, Steve Nicholich, Pete Nonos, Zvezdana Tica.

Purdue University School of Agriculture Merit Scholarship: Joe Michael.

Rotary Scholarship: Rade Radjenovich.

Skinner Scholarships: Carol Ensallaco, Adam Fabrici, Sue Fryer, Jon Giacomini, Carla

Marson, Karyn Palvas, Jill Pennock, Kerin Teller.

Spanish Club Scholarship: Linda Lewandowski.

St. Joseph's College Trustee Scholarship: Nick Bumbales.

Student Exchange Programs: Ysbell Duran, Jan Minners, Paul VanSimaes.

Summer Institutes for Juniors: Darryl McIntire, Al Wirtes, Pauline Gard.

Teamster's Union Local #142 Scholarship: Joe Koepke.

United States ROTC

Scholarships: Ed Brizendine, Terry Flynn, Jon Giacomini, Kirk Martin, Andy Otterbacher.

University of Dallas National Competitive Scholarship: Carol Ensallaco, Dan Johnson, Joe Michael.

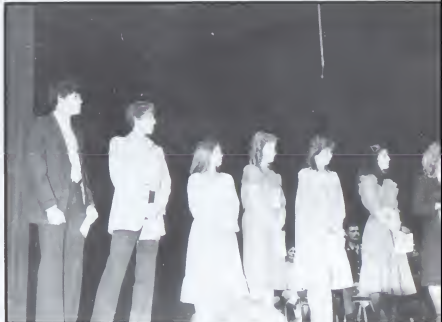
"M" Awards: Seniors — Angela Andreatos, Ed Brizendine, Carol Ensallaco, Adam Fabrici, Jon Giacomini, Daniel Johnson, Linda Laudani, Carla Marson, Jill

Pennock, Lynn Pigott, Nancy Rubush. **Juniors —** Mark Dimitri, Kathy Krol, Cindy Lamfalusi, Kandy Papageorge, Shari Patterson, Joe Pienta, Leonard Pysh, Rich Robinson, Tom Runholt, Joe Zajac. **Sophomores —** Louis Batides, Christine Daniel, Karen Ector, Jennifer Eibel, Cheryl Fossey, Lawrence Kacmar, Michelle Kray, Colette Lindborg, Catherine Malocha, Donald Markovich, George Mavros, Michael Mesarch, Valerie Nicksic, Kimberly Pachapa, Sharon Pigott, Rajko Radjenovich, Robin Sanko, Scott Terek, Daniel Wikse.

"A" Honor Roll for Three

Grading Periods: Seniors — Carol Ensallaco, Carla Marson. **Juniors —** Leonard Pysh. **Sophomores —** Cheryl Fossey, Catherine Malocha, Scott Terek.

Perfect Attendance: Four years — Adam Fabrici, Don Hudock, Jackie Neff, Doreen VanMeter.



National Merit Scholars receive their certificates recognizing their academic achievements.

Receiving his scholarship from Sherrn Lewis, guidance counselor, is Joe Koepke, senior.

PROM: Couples enjoy 'Just You and I'

"Just You and I" was the theme chosen for Prom 1983 on Apr. 30. Couples began their evening by taking pictures at each others homes. The next trip was to the Greek Hall where the Prom was held. "I liked the way they decorated the hall with stars and streamers," commented Jamie Desatnick, senior.

Music was provided by L & L Mobile Sound System and Spasoff Studios took pictures. Sue Long, senior, added, "This year's Prom seemed to be a bigger success than last year's."

Post Prom was also provided for Prom goers at the Greek Hall. The turn out for this year's Post Prom did not have a very good turn out,

only about 89 people attended. Lisa Carrigan, junior, commented, "The turn out could be better if a better variety of food was provided."

Finally after everyone had no more energy, they went home to try and catch a few winks of sleep before after Prom activities began. Dave Cacic, junior, said, "Besides having an excellent night at the Prom, the day after was just as good. Although tired from the Prom, we had a good time going up to Chicago. We visited the zoo and later went to the museum. I'll have to go again next year, since I had enjoyed myself so much this year."

Kim Koveck



Jennifer Duncan, Sue Foremski, Laurie Funder, Connie Evans, Jamie Desatnick, and Kelly Caravana line up for a last minute photo

Prom Queen and King, Jackie Jaksa and Louie Spiru take time out from the dance for a picture together.

Showing how to have a good time at the Prom is Michelle Spicer and Don Froeman.





This prom couple dances cozily together while whispering in each others ear.

Kevin Bell, junior, and his date Julie Fratzke, sophomore, take time out for refreshments.

The '1983' Prom Court awaits patiently to find out the final results, Beth Kormos, Jackie Jaksa, Dawn Halstead, and Patty Fargo, juniors.



Prom goers Sharon Pigott, Dave Cacic, Keith Canady, Vicki Frey, Michelle Jachum, and Pat Frey, take a rest from all their dancing.



Celebrating on their way to the parade, seniors traditionally parade around the school to acknowledge their departure.

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Waiting for the first and last free meal, Brad Moore, Joe Michael, Tom Prgomelja and Bob Gee, seniors, order their senior breakfast.

During Senior Breakfast, several seniors take time to read their recently purchased copy of the Senior Mag.



SENIOR WEEK: Final countdown approaches

This is the time that all seniors await. The final countdown. The last week. The excitement and the tension build as the final day approaches. A lot of work and effort has gone into making seniors what they are.

By this time of the year the seniors are inflicted with the feeling known as senioritis. They realize that they need a break from all the schedules

and take a day off. This usually results in a day known as "ditch day." "Even though the weather wasn't cooperative, it was nice to get away for the day," explained Karen Rendina.

Then came the time to receive your caps and gowns. This has to be the first sign of graduating. "It was exciting but it was sad, I finally realized that it was coming to an

end," commented Jamie Desatnick.

Next came the dreaded final exams. This was the night that all seniors tried to study. "Econ theory's test had to be the worst nightmare of all tests, it was horrid," explained Beth Bianco.

Last but not least was the last day for seniors. Everyone gets real rowdy and the task of cleaning out the lockers was put into action. The halls are often decorated with papers from former classes. Engel explained, "I think that seniors shouldn't have to clean their lockers, due to the fact that they are stepping out into the adult world, so therefore the underclassmen should be official locker cleaner outers."

This has to be the best time for all seniors to experience. "Even though it was the best time of all the school years, I am glad it is over," stated Leslie Lucas.

Lori Rimer

Sherm Lewis, guidance counselor, organizes the seniors as they practice for commencement.

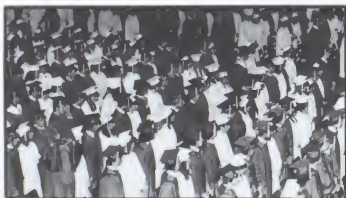
Making sure all debts are paid. Jean Webb, treasurer, checks out Randy Wilkening and Sandy Metros, seniors.



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Dr. Robert Schrenker, superintendent, hands Joe Bellovary, senior, his diploma with a congratulatory hand shake.

Angela Andreatos, co-valedictorian, gives a speech at commencement to fellow graduates and guests.



Anxiously awaiting to receive their diplomas, 526 seniors wait for their names to be called out.

The proud seniors leave the commencement exercises with smiles and tears.

On June 1, Jill Pennock, senior, accepts her diploma from Dr. Robert Schrenker, Superintendent.



GRADUATION: This is it!

"We've experienced many firsts at MHS. First friends, secrets, rivals, and first loves," said Angela Andreatos, co-valedictorian. The highlight of the year for the class of '83 was graduation.

The last week of school for the 526 seniors is filled with many exciting and memorable moments. During their last week, seniors traditionally participated in such events as Baccalaureate, Commencement and of course, Open Houses.

MHS's three co-valedictorians and

one salutatorian, gave a speech at Commencement.

Andreatos reminded the seniors of the many good times they're leaving behind at MHS. "We have made our impressions in this school, as much as it has made impressions on us," said Andreatos.

Carol Ensalaco, co-valedictorian, reminded us that they're leaving good times behind, but "we have to grow up and face the real world."

Dan Johnson, co-valedictorian, also told the graduates that they must

grow up. "Mom and Dad won't be there anymore to make excuses for us," explained Johnson.

Ed Brizendine, salutatorian, stressed the importance of friendship in the high school years. He said, "Friendship is a part of our total learning process. We have made friends at MHS that will last us our lifetime."

Commencement ended with the turning of the tassels, led by the senior class president, Casey Carrabine.

Laurell Evans



Senior Class President Casey Carrabine leads the class of '83 into Englehart Gymnasium for commencement exercises.

"He was one great man that will always be remembered," said Laura LaMarca, senior, after working with Adam Benjamin in the Capitol as a page the summer before he died.

Wearing the picture of the newest craze, Kim Hughes, sophomore, displays her loyalty to E.T.



photos: Vincent



Because of the economic status, both young and old can be seen in local unemployment offices in Merrillville and across the nation.

"Even adults need to be Questized," commented Roger Hankins, Quest teacher, as he instructs a program for "CROPE" A Community Retreat on Public Education.



NEWS: Serious problems affect area in '83

This is the 1982-1983 school year. It can be remembered by the pep sessions, all the games, spring break and for some graduation. Not only can it be remembered or looked back on by the school happenings, but by the headlines.

Catastrophe!!

That could describe the Cline Avenue disaster. Thirteen people were killed when the ramp collapsed. This marked the worst construction accident in Indiana.

Demise!

Probably the one death that touched most everyone in Northwest Indiana was the death of U.S. Congressman Adam Benjamin. Also, there was Barney Clark. He was a break through for science by being the first to "survive" an artificial heart. Other deaths included John Belushi and Grace Kelly.

Adventure!

One of the hottest box office hits this year was directed by Steven Spielberg. "E.T." grossed more than \$300 million in six months. "Ghandi" won 8 Academy Awards, including best picture. "An Officer and a Gentleman" won for best song title in a movie.

Strike!

The football players decided that they needed more money. So, the National Football League went on strike. After a tough battle, they did get their money.

Tragedy!

Seven people were killed by Tylenol capsules laced with cyanide from some unknown person. The Tylenol scare spread nation wide as a result of this. Now, all drugs sold over the counter are safety sealed.

The double-digit crisis!

The unemployment rate affected everyone. Even though the inflation rate was decreasing, the unemployment was increasing.

RIF!!

This will probably be remembered most by everyone. Nineteen teachers in the Merrillville school district were on the "Rif" list. Public involvement was at the highest yet. The public became active after two coaches were put on the list. Over 550 people attended the meetings concerning the issue.

There might be other things that you will remember that are not mentioned here for 1982-83, but these should help you trigger your memory.

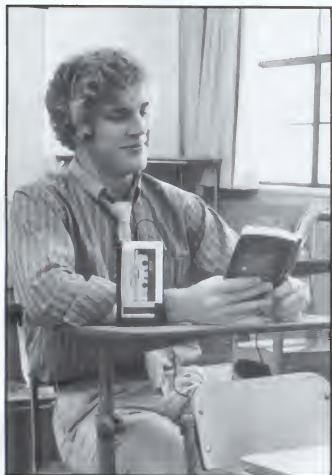
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Ted Klooster, assistant superintendent, explains the financial state at the School Board meeting that discussed the "rifting" of teachers which attracted more than 550 community members.

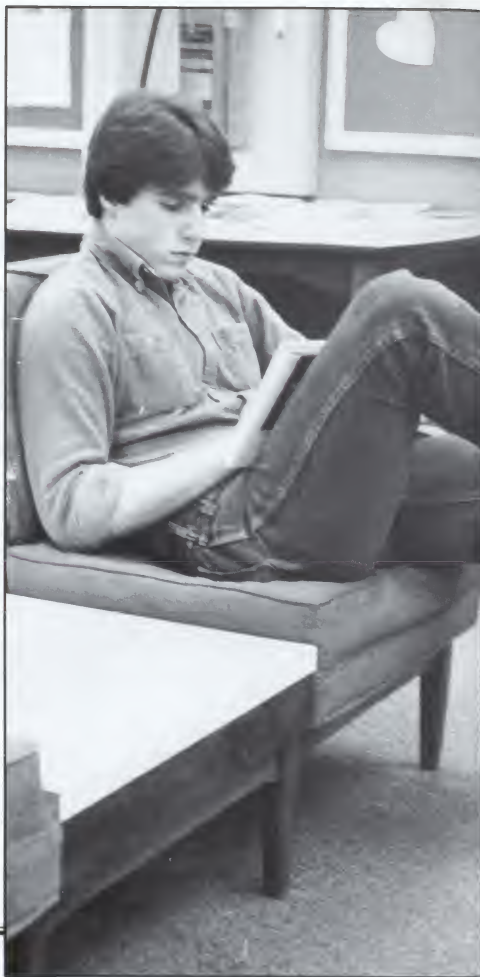


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While reading in class, Frank Primich, senior, listens to music on his Walkman.



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Academics:

MHS students are **"One of a Kind"** in academics. An Academic Hall of Fame was added. A picture of the students reaching academic honors is on the wall. Eleanor Lewis, art teacher, painted the Hall of Fame.

MHS also added computers to the business and math departments. It's predicted that computers will play a major role in the future. "Taking a computer class will help me a lot in college," remarked Karyn Palvas, senior.

Building trades was almost cancelled. The economy wasn't in good shape and some people thought it was unnecessary. The banks, however, thought it was important, and they were willing to support the

program again.

Tutoring for students in the math department was added in 1982. This helped students who were behind in geometry and algebra. Many teachers devoted their time after school.

The Jets is a new club. It is sponsored by Max Hutchinson, math teacher, and Jim Vermillion, social studies teacher. Seven students make up the Jets team. They are asked questions, and they can discuss it until they come up with an answer. Purdue University sponsors the program in Indiana. New academic programs help make MHS **"One of a Kind."**



Boyd Yeoman, math teacher, helps Greg Ordway, senior, during the math clinic after school.

Trying to get some quiet studying done, Bob Budner, senior, relaxes in the library.

Xeroxing 1 million papers keep teachers' aides active

Papers, papers, papers!

This word must go through the minds of Sue Mathews and Gloria Zale many times a day. They are the teachers' aides at MHS. As many as one million papers were xeroxed last year.

The teachers' aides type tests, run-off tests and run-off study material for the math, English, social studies, science and business departments. They also print tickets for dances of various clubs and tickets for the athletic department.

According to Mrs. Mathews, the English department and the social studies department use the most paper. Roger Hankins, social studies teacher said, "They're very cooperative, understanding and sincere in their work. They always do their best and never give you hassle."

The office also has quite a few

requests. "It's not unusual for us to have from 30-50 requests a day," said Mrs. Mathews, "although Fridays aren't as busy."

Students are also aides for teachers. Many students choose to be an aide rather than being in a study hall. The aides perform such tasks as grading papers, making signs, running errands and typing.

All departments try to have at least one aide each hour. The Guidance Office also needs aides for the many errands they have.

Many students feel they benefit from being aides. "I get to learn more about journalism and get to do my interviews that hour," said Carla Marson, senior and journalism aide.

Although the aides are kept busy, they usually have from 15-30 minutes to do their own homework.

Mary Krol, Angela Andreatos



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Working to meet a deadline, Sue Mathews, teacher's aide, xeroxes a government test.

Dawn Knight and Jayne Yetko, seniors, wait for their next errand in the office.

Using her time wisely, Lynn Pigott, senior, studies for physics in study hall.



Dolores Poxon, school nurse, anxiously awaits a patient with Diane Stryczek her aide.



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Aides, Colleen Murphy and Sheri Mummey, juniors, help the Guidance Office during first hour.

**“They always
do their best
and never give
you a hassle”**

Using detailed techniques, Peggy Gill, senior, finishes her cake.



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Don Shuman, MHS graduate, explains how he achieved this portrait of his sister Diane Shuman, senior.

In cake decorating class, Michelle Eubank, senior puts finishing touches on her heart cake.





“Once you get hooked on it, you can’t give it up”

Lori Mecchia, senior, is working intensely to finishing decorating her cake.

Debbie Edwards, senior, awaits for her “prince charming” to sweep her off her feet.



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MHS cake decorators gives “Betty Crocker” competition!

Are you hungry?

Order a cake from Carol Von Behren’s decorating class!

This is the fourth year MHS has offered cake decorating; however, this is the first year that students have to take it two hours.

Because it is two hours long, new techniques are being taught. “The Philippine techniques, rolled fondant and color flow, are the new ideas that I teach,” said Miss Von Behren.

If you’re interested in being in cake decorating, you have to have taken Foods I and II. Foods II will have a section called beginning cake decorating. You must have a “B” in beginning cake decorating to be able to take

advanced cake decorating. “Once you get hooked on it, you can’t give it up,” said Judy Johnsen, senior.

In advanced cake decorating you learn how to decorate cakes. Jenny Demmon, senior, said, “You make lots of roses.”

Besides learning how to decorate cakes, you get on the job training and learn how to take orders. Lori Mecchia, senior, said, “It is good experience, even if you don’t want to work in a bakery.”

The cakes that cake decorating classes sell are not expensive. The money that the class makes only goes to replace the supplies used to make cakes sold.

Kelly Bartley



Learning to draw, Lisa Wallace, junior, puts her fullest concentration into art work.

Business Week highlights productive year

With our economy in such bad shape and unemployment rates so high, the need for trained people in the workforce is always growing. MHS students realized this and took advantage of the many courses offered by the MHS business department. For the few students that have not taken any business classes, some of the activities done by the department gave insight into the importance of the business world.

One of the major highlights of the business department was their participation in National Business Week. Grace Bovard, department chairman, had only positive comments about Business Week. "We got so many complements about all our hard work. Everyone was really helpful and I think we convinced people that business has so much to offer." Some activities included a display in the main lobby highlighting changes in the business world. Also, there were buttons, signs and a song in the morning announcements.

It seems Business Week works. "I have taken business classes, but I never thought of the great advantages I have over students who haven't taken business," said Kim Luytgaarden, senior.

Beth Bianco



Using the overhead projector for help, Janice Hughes, business teacher, presents the days lesson.

While working on a timed writing, Karen Kirksey, sophomore, concentrates on her book in order to finish more quickly.

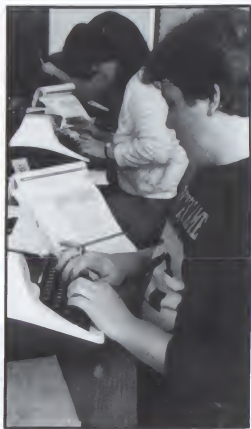


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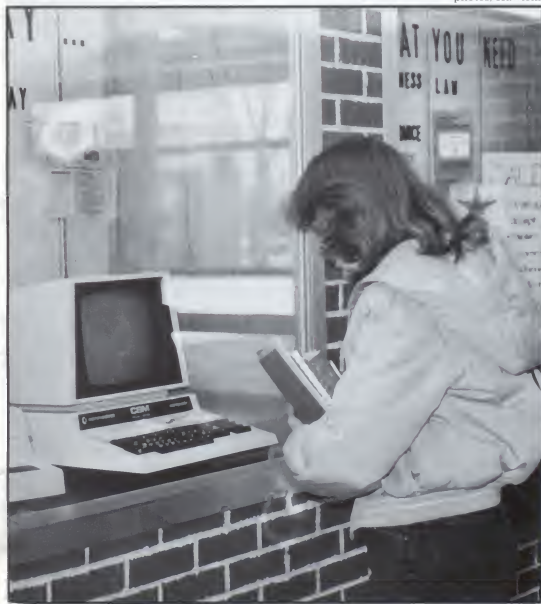


Keeping her attention on the print-out screen, Connie Popa, junior, works to complete her assignment.

Typing is not just for females as Bill Gornik, sophomore, proves while working on a paper for class.



Looking over the display in the main lobby in honor of National Business Week, Tina Malich, senior, admires the advancement of the computer.



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**"I think we
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so much to offer"**

Teachers help students increase vocabulary

MHS students have work ahead of them. The English department is stressing vocabulary and spelling. The students now have vocabulary and spelling words in their English classes. The system was started by the Superintendent's office.

"Standard tests showed that vocabulary is an area students have weakness in. The vocabulary will better prepare the students for these tests," said Linda Fry, English department chairman.

"I think the new spelling lists give the opportunity to improve our vocabulary," said Kris Martin, junior.

Shari Moore, junior, commented, "I think the extra vocabulary will help boost our SAT scores."

The English department at MHS offers many courses to students. Semester courses such as English Literature, American Literature, Advanced Composition, and nine week courses such as Mythology, Medical Terminology, and Vocabulary are just a few of the many classes offered at MHS.

Mary Krol



Linda Fry, new English department chairman, gets ready to lecture one of her classes.

Kawicki



Carefully pondering the question asked, Valerie Tanke, publications advisor, helps her Journalism students.

Larry Soderland, sophomore, seeks help from Ben Smallman, sophomore in their Intermediate Composition class.

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Typing to meet her deadline, Andrea Kawicki, sophomore, types her story in the new Journalism class MHS offers.



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“Standard tests showed that vocabulary is an area students have a weakness in.”

Quietly reading, Julie Fratzke, sophomore, studies in her Intermediate Composition class.





Taking time out from her lesson, Lana Pantelic, sophomore, listens to a Spanish dialogue.



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Three foreign exchange students attended MHS, Paul Van Simaey, Ysbell Duran and Jan Minners.

Visiting Northwest Indiana, Gerard Lombardi, French Ambassador, lectures to foreign language classes about France.

"In Venezuela the teachers change classes rather than the students"



Exchange students discover U.S. culture

Venezuela may be a long way from the town of Merrillville, but that didn't stop Ysbell Duran from attending MHS. Duran is just one of the three foreign exchange students at MHS. Jan Minners from West Germany and Paul Van Simaey from Belgium are the other two students.

Van Simaey changed his residence every three months. Van Simaey has been in the United States for one month so far and is planning on staying until July of 1983. He is in the Rotary Club Exchange Program and has come here to learn our culture and language. Van Simaey has already graduated from his high school in Belgium, but he currently attends MHS as a senior.

"Merrillville is much different than I expected," Van Simaey said, "It is bigger and stricter than our schools." Van Simaey explained Belgium schools as being more like United States colleges. The students have different classes every day and much more freedom.

Duran has already graduated from her school in Venezuela, but also is a

senior at MHS. She is planning on college, but since the college of her choice is full, she must wait one year before enrolling. She decided to spend that year in the United States learning our culture. Duran, planning on studying medicine in college, is taking mostly science classes at MHS. She is in the Youth for Understanding Exchange Program.

Unlike Van Simaey, Duran will be staying at the same residence, with Mr. and Mrs. John Connelly, for the entire year. Duran likes it here but says it is very different than her school in Venezuela.

"In Venezuela the teachers change classes rather than the students. Students are with the same people in the same room all day. They do not meet as many people as the students do here," said Duran.

The third exchange student, Jan Minners, is also in the Youth for Understanding program. Minners is from West Germany and is staying with Mr. and Mrs. Bert Michael. Minners is spending his entire year with the Michael family.

Minners had completed his

sophomore year in West Germany and is attending MHS as a junior. However, since West Germany schools have 13 grades rather than 12, Minners will still have two years of school left when he returns. Minners also found MHS to be much different than his school.

Minners explained, "In our school, teachers and students communicate more freely. Class discussions are held on an equal basis rather than the teacher explaining and students taking notes."

Minners is taking a variety of different classes. He came to the United States to study our language. He plans to go to college and major in translation or communication.

"So far I like Merrillville," Minners said, "it is very different but not too difficult to adjust to." Minners explained that the students in the Youth for Understanding Organizations are put through many orientations and preparations before coming here to help them through difficult adjustments.

Jill Pennock



Kawicki



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With the use of drill cards, Bonnie Sanders, Spanish teacher, hopes to improve her students' knowledge of the Spanish language.

Placed in the hallway to make up a German test, Carole Stannik, sophomore, works hard for a perfect score.

Shop classes emphasize practical skills

"Industrial Arts classes provide students with a better outlook to their future," said David Moore, auto mechanics teacher. Welding, drafting, electric shop, metal shop and auto mechanics are offered to students who are interested in these trades or just feel like taking the class.

Auto mechanics is one of the more popular classes according to Mr. Moore. The class is offered for two hours and gives the students a chance to get to know their cars.

Individuals bring in their cars to work out various problems, or just to make sure everything is working properly. The owner of the car is not the only one that works on it. His classmates help out too. Some of the equipment used include sun computers, to figure out what's wrong, hydraulic lifts, to raise the car, and timing guns, to set the idle. By fixing their cars, the students

save money on repairs and, at the same time, learn more about their cars.

Mr. Moore has been teaching this class for the past two years. Mr. Moore said, "I feel most students learn up to their potential."

Mr. Moore's students felt that this class gave them better knowledge of their cars. Kurt Wiening, senior, commented that "we learn how engines work and what to do when they don't." According to Rade Petrovich, junior, "This class has taught me a lot about my car." Sammy Higgason, senior, stated, "The best thing about auto shop is you can repair things on your car that you couldn't do at home in your garage. The equipment and machines in auto shop ables you to fix your car instead of someone fixing it for money."

Kelly Bartley



Fixing the fan belt can be very interesting as Tom Prgomelja and Jerry Mezmarick, seniors, discover in auto mechanics.

Student teacher Tammy Rawlings explains to Paul Klimaszeski, sophomore, how a hand router works in wood shop.

**"We learn
how engines work
and what to do
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Intensely involved in his project, Brian Curcio, junior, tries to figure out which wire goes where in electronics class.



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Getting ready for winter fun, Tom Covaciu, sophomore, sands down his snowmobile colling.

Making sure everything is properly adjusted, Kenny Krmpotich, sophomore, uses a surface grinder to help his project along.

Building Trades, Career Center mold futures

A woman's place is in the home? Not according to Sara Fogle. Sara is the third girl to ever be enrolled in the building trades class. "My future plans include joining the military forces and this was one way to help prepare for it," said Sara. She is also enrolled in auto mechanics.

According to Lealon Bottoms, Building Trades teacher, "Sara has a lot of ambition. She even has more than the boys in some areas. She works steady and is concerned with the end results."

Sara doesn't mind being the only girl in the class. "At first it was hard for some of the guys to get used to me but after a while they were all like brothers to me," she added.

Along with Building Trades, students can also gain experience at the vocational-technical school at the Career Center in Gary. Tech school is open to juniors and seniors. The student attends the Career Center for three hours and MHS for three hours. Students are offered various courses such as carpentry, keypunch operator, electronics and auto mechanics.

Helen Todorofski, senior, said, "I plan on going into nursing. The Career Center is a great experience, and it will help me reach the goals I want to by helping people."

Jamie Desatnick, Mary Krol

Before painting, Joe Demo, senior, sands the walls of the house the Building Trades class is completing.

Sara Fogle, senior, patches the dry wall of the Building Trades house.



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**"At first
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**Dave Bigelow, senior, saws a piece of
trimming in Building Trades.**



**Career Center student, Alice Trowbridge,
junior, practices in her data processing class.**



**At the Career Center, Mike Kraft and Mike
Cates, seniors, measure a project they welded
in their shop class.**

Gym classes enjoy aerobics craze

"Stretch," said Carolyn Tipton, physical education teacher, as the girls workout to a record. The Jane Fonda record is what some of the gym classes have been using for aerobic exercising.

Aerobics is one of the newest ways to fight overweight problems. Lisa Carrigan, gym aide, said, "I even got into doing aerobics with the class." Mrs. Tipton said, "More recently the move is into aerobic workouts which is even more strenuous but still done to music."

At MHS both dance and exercise aerobics are taught. This may be a reason that there are so many new "healthy figures" at MHS.

Aerobics are not only for girls. Across the nation, male athletes are enrolling in such classes as well as ballet classes.

Kelly Bartley



Caroline Baldazo and Collette Lindborg, sophomores, stretch to reach the sky when the aerobics class went to a health club for additional instruction.



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Lisa Bowling, sophomore, returns a serve to her opponent in physical education.

Reviewing a test, Carolyn Tipton, physical education teacher, goes over the answer with her class.



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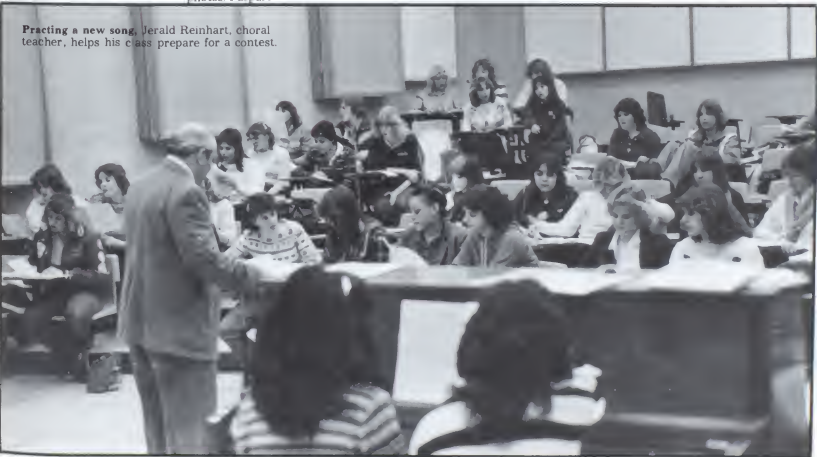
Jerald Reinhart, choral teacher, watches a student rehearse an important selection.

Completing an aerobic routine, Chistos Sula, sophomore, exercises in gym class.



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Practicing a new song, Jerald Reinhart, choral teacher, helps his class prepare for a contest.



MHS scientists apply knowledge in laboratory research projects

A few changes have taken place in Jerry Bratcher's Advanced Biology class. Students have increased their research on genetics by using laboratory organisms for genetic progress.

The organisms used are called "*drosophila melanogaster*" commonly referred to as "fruit fly". Along with observing the genetic progress, students are also participating in extensive research on bacteria.

Students are given practice time on identification of various organisms, and then they are given unknown organisms and must apply their skills. Mr. Bratcher stated, "MHS science department provides all the necessary background needed for success in a college science curriculum, particularly Health Science."

Briefly describing how the fruit flies were used, Chris Yugo, junior, said, "We cross bred two different types of flies, by wing or eye color and then observed how many of each we had."

Also revealing his experience with the flies, Jan Minners, junior, "The purpose was to prove Midelians rules. It was introducing us to laboratory work, and I feel that is positive in contrast to the dry work we usually do in class."

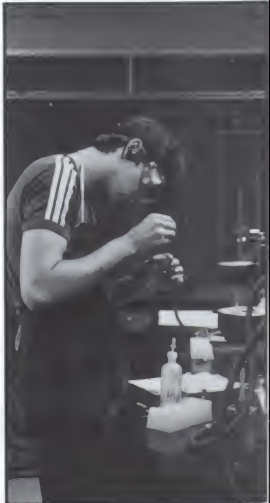
The science department at MHS offers students an excellent opportunity to become familiar with courses ranging from Earth Science to biology to physics. The courses usually involve the completion of several experiments and time consuming projects. These projects are designed to develop the skills students need to work through their daily assignments.

Earth Science involves the study of the environment and materials which make up the earth. In biology, students learn about people, animals and plants. Chemistry explains the reasons for various chemical reactions, and physics studies the matters of space and time.

Amy Absher



Carefully studying his light meter, Min Kim, junior, applies the information needed to complete his experiment.



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Trying to discover what ion he has, Jim Rubush, junior, works on his qualitative lab.

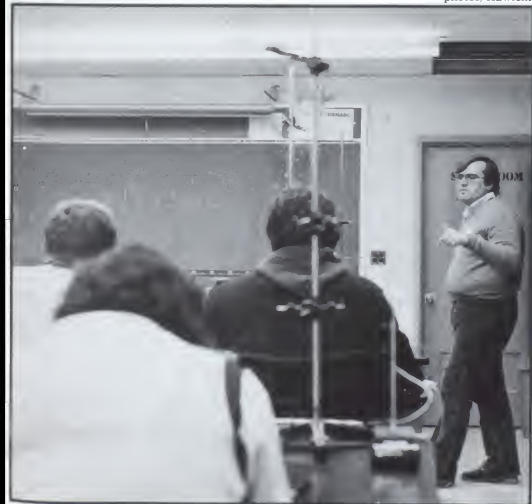


Anxiously watching the screen, Paul Lozanoski and Jeff Petroff, juniors, enter their program.

In need of assistance, Neil Miller, junior, searches the room for a helpful hand.



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"It was introducing us to laboratory work, and I feel that it is positive in contrast to the dry work we usually do in class"

During chemistry class, Dean Hess, chemistry teacher, stops the discussion to make an important point.

U.S. History provides chance to discover family tree

History not only offers a look at our nation's past, but a journey into your own. "It is a personal type of history that directly involves the student," said Jim Moody, U.S. History teacher.

As a research project in some of the classes, students are able to track back as far as possible in your own family tree. This way students discover more about fore-fathers. "I was able to learn how my family came into the area," added Marty Geary, junior.

Psychology offers a chance to understand more about one. "I've always believed that Psychology benefits all students — no matter what their academic standing is or what their future plans may be,"

stated Allyn Johnson, Psychology teachers.

Nothing can be more interesting or fascinating as to learn about one self — how you think, feel, learn, react, remember, and develop according to Mr. Johnson.

Psychology could be described like trying to put together a jigsaw puzzle without the picture. According to Mr. Johnson, this may be the only opportunity they will have to study why we do what we do. "For me it was interesting to be able to understand why I think what I think," replied Adam Fabrici senior.

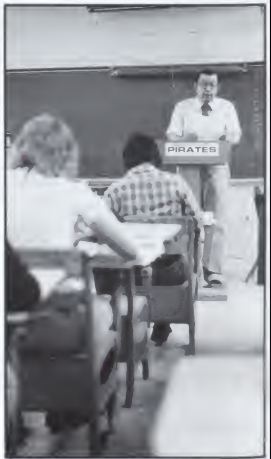
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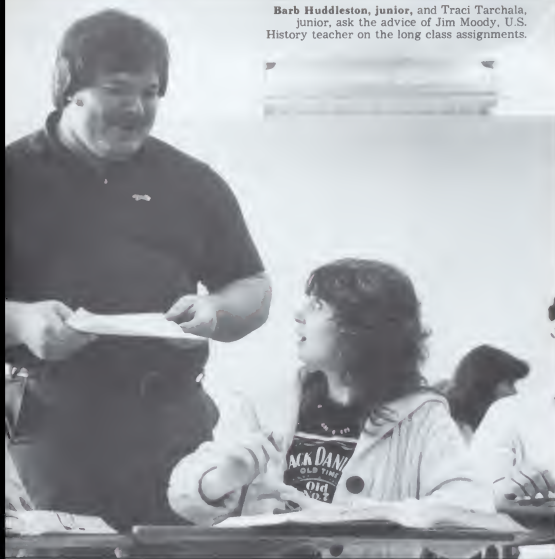
Seniors trudge through their government class while waiting for graduation on June 1.

Standing in front of the students, Chris Choncoff, Consumer Economics teacher, tries to make sense out of a difficult economic problem to his class.



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Barb Huddleston, junior, and Traci Tarchala, junior, ask the advice of Jim Moody, U.S. History teacher on the long class assignments.

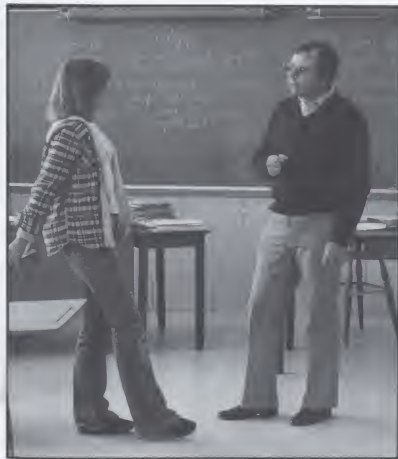


"I was able to learn how my family came into the Calumet area"

Dorene VanMeter, senior, tries to convince Eugene Talmadge, Economics teacher, that students are right most of the time.



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While thinking of the weekend, Ray Beder, senior, works hard on his government assignment.

Allyn Johnson, Psychology teacher, explains to Eleni Papagiannis, junior, one of the many hidden powers that the mind possesses.

New hours provide early study

The MHS library expanded its hours to accommodate more students and faculty. The new hours are 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

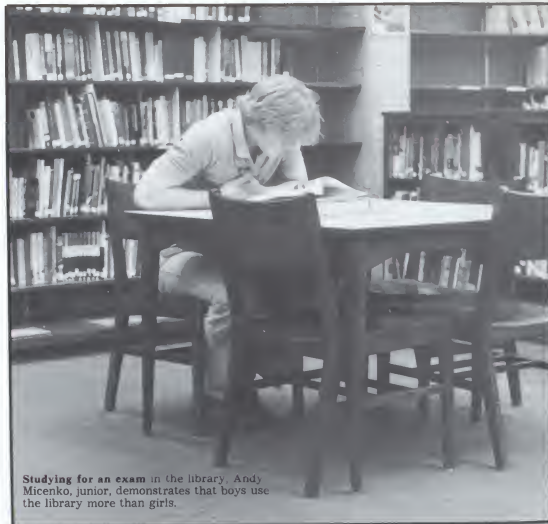
"We found that after experimenting with different hours the demand seemed to be for the morning hours," said Tom Herbert, assistant principal.

"The new hours will probably not encourage many more students to come in and study," said Leona Burrus, librarian. The new hours will, however, be more accommodating to those students wanting to study in the library.

"I seldom use the library but the new hours would be good for someone who doesn't have a study hall and needs to catch up on their work," commented Paula Vessely, senior.

An interesting tidbit of information is that boys outnumber girls in the library by 3 to 1.

Lori Riddle



Studying for an exam in the library, Andy Micenko, junior, demonstrates that boys use the library more than girls.

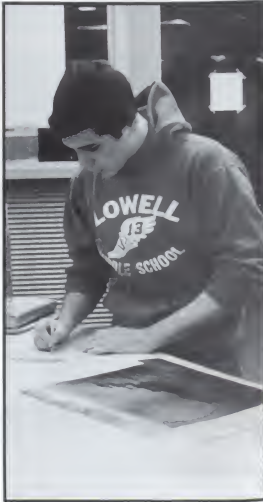
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Following the new library hour experiment, Matt Wilk, sophomore, signs in. The results showed that students prefer using the library in the morning.

Working on a project while being filmed on the video recorder is Craig Tucker, audio visual aide.



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“We found that that after experimenting with different hours the demand seemed to be for the morning hours.”

Audio visual aide, Craig Schoenfeld, junior, gets a projector ready for a film to be shown.

Velven Wooldridge, audio visual coordinator, reviews some of the files on the many films contained in the audio visual department.



Pearson

MHS gives 'special' instruction to pupils with 'special' needs

The reading program at MHS provides continuous development in vocabulary and reading comprehension. "The students study language art skills and writing as well as reading," said Margaret Burchfield, reading teacher.

Through a variety of activities, the students better their ability to understand and use many words which leads to better written work. They also spend much time and effort researching and rewriting newspaper articles.

In the reading lab, the students work on improving their understanding of the written work and the many related skills which make them better readers.

The Special Education program at MHS is geared to help the students in the required subjects such as math, English, science and social studies. They also work on their reading skills. The program is very individualized. "The students work at their own pace and on their own level," said Kim Manigault, special education teacher.

The students also learn by helping each other. "One student may have a higher math level and another student may be higher in English," said Miss Manigault. This allows the students to help each other in weaknesses.

Mary Krol



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Delivering a projector, Jeff Donnell, sophomore, saves a class from an hour of work.

Bill McCarthy and Jani Szymaszek, sophomores, work on their reading assignments.

Proofreading her paper, Sue Prentoska, sophomore, looks over her assignment once more before handing it in.





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**“The students work
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and on their own
level”**

Helping one of her students, Margaret Burchfield, reading teacher, answers Bill Peters, junior, question.

Carol Teeter, special education aide, helps Kim Manigault, special education teacher, grade papers.



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New computers gives realism to math, business departments

MHS has recently expanded their computer classes. The new computer additions are capable of teaching five languages. In the past, MHS's equipment was limiting students to only learning the skills of word processing.

MHS offers two types of computer courses, math and business. Computer classes are available to students in their sophomore, junior or senior year.

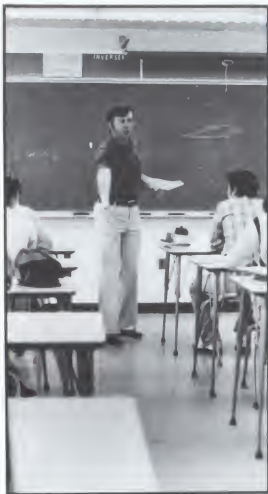
The future includes the high school freshmen. This will be considered an advantage for these students who plan to further studies in computers.

Dawn Plumb, senior, said "Unless the student has some familiarity with computers, one can expect a turbulent semester."

Overall, the effect on students and teachers has been a positive one. Grace Bovard, business department chairman, said, "With the new additions, the interest is going to be there and put realism in it."

Suzanne Pheanis, senior, added. "The new computer additions will make it possible for each student to easily adhere to a modern society."

Amy Absher



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These computer programmers work diligently to complete their assignments on the newly acquired computers.

A little excitement is added to Boyd Yeoman's trigonometry class as he figures out angles and measurement of sides.





As others waste time, Gary Glatt, senior, works studiously on this math problems.



Working together as partners John Williams and Bob Remley, seniors, share the tasks of computer programming.



Carefully watching the screen, Candy Papageorge, junior, checks the accuracy of her computer data.

**“One
can expect a
turbulent semester”**

COIN assists guidance office find individual career choices

Are you undecided about a career? Well if you are, ask Sherman Lewis, guidance director, to introduce you to the COIN (coordinated occupational information network) machine.

The COIN holds information referring to about 280 careers. The information is filed under micro-fiche film. Mr. Lewis said that the information is updated; it can help you if you don't know what career you'd like to get into.

Students can enter the guidance office and fill out a questionnaire, which contains about 15 questions of possible career choices. After answering the questions, you mark your answers in the box at the top of the questionnaire. This box is referred to as the code.

Cindy Saliek, senior, said, It helps you to determine a career if you're undecided. And it's easy to do."

After you find the code box, match your code up with codes written in a career information booklet. When you find a code that matches yours, you write down the career beside it and the numbers that correspond to the career.

Once you have the number of the career, you find the micro-fiche film with that number. You place the micro-fiche film in the machine and find your collected career. The film will give you much information on the career. The COIN machine has information on careers ranging from bartending to being a Supreme Court Justice.

Ellen Brownwell, senior, said she used it to find out the options of careers she had with the training she had in high school.

Kim Shriver, Kelly Bartley



Mrs. Shirley Matysiak, guidance counselor, gives a student some final advice before graduating on June 1.

Keeping students aware of new opportunities, Lana Pantelic, sophomore, looks for information on different colleges in the guidance office.



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A representative from DePaul University, Richard Lyons, talks to seniors about college planning.

Linda Davis, guidance counselor, reviews the junior year schedule of Valerie Pappas, sophomore.

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Working in his office, Drew Furuness, guidance counselor, completes the paper work required of being a counselor.



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Taking time out of his busy day, Paul Schuyler, principal, discusses a problem with Lee Bottom, building trades instructor.

As a long day comes to a close, John Stone, assistant principal, looks over the next day's schedule.



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Central administration for the Merrillville School Corporation is Ted Klooster, assistant superintendent, Robert Schrenker, superintendent, and Timothy Hyland, assistant superintendent.



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Administration adopts policies for improvement at MHS

Administration underwent many changes at the start of the school year. Tom Herbert was promoted from athletic director to assistant principal. Mr. Herbert's new job includes supervision of curriculum, extra-curricular activities, and clubs, and other organizations. Mr. Herbert said, "I like the students and I like working with the fine faculty at Merrillville."

The daily routine of John Stone, assistant principal, basically includes attendance and discipline problems. Teacher evaluation and summer school supervision is also part of his responsibility. Mr. Stone said, "I like working with students."

Paul Schuyler, principal, has many important jobs. He is responsible for the educational process, supervision of all staff and faculty, communication with parents and many other important jobs. Mr.

Schuyler replied, "It's an opportunity to broaden the impact on young people."

Kim Koveck, senior, said, "I really don't like the new rules, but they do help the educational process."

There have been many new policy changes in 1982. The new policy concerning the restricted hallways was one that many students disliked. Also, not being able to sit by your locker was another rule that students were not too happy about. Louie Klimaszewski, senior, said, "I feel the school is very poorly operated." Klimaszewski also stated, "It doesn't provide equal opportunities for all people."

There are students, however, who feel the administration has done very well. Alice Trowbridge, junior, said, "I think it's better than most schools."

Jamie Desatnick



The school board members include John Ban, Michelle Halsted, Babe Woodward, president, Bryant Matthews, and Eugene Carrabine.



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Tom Herbert, assistant principal, takes pictures for the student I.D.'s at the beginning of the school year.

"I really don't like the new rules. but they do help the educational process"

The MHS pom pom girls dance to "Brand New Day" at the Homecoming pep session.



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Organizations:

The students at MHS have a variety of clubs to participate in. These clubs require work for them to be **"One of a Kind."** "MHS offers a variety of different clubs that interest students," said Carol Kapitan, senior.

Many clubs meet after school and during the summer. The people in these clubs have to give up their spare time in order to participate. Jamie Desatnick senior pom pon member, said, "We practiced all during the summer and after school. Our season ends in March.

Clubs raised money by having car washes, bake sales, candy sales, calendars sales and license plates sales.

Clubs raised money for many reasons. The cheerleaders and band members needed money to buy uniforms. Others raised money for field trips. However, some clubs keep the money they make until something comes along, or save it for next year. Ray Parpart, member of Vocalteens, said, "We sold Gift Mill, which is an order catalog that allows people to shop in the comfort of their own home, and we didn't handle the merchandise. This was our annual fund raiser."

Also the band and orchestra compete with other schools. They go to contests and demonstrate why MHS is **"One of a Kind."**



Kawicki

Busy working on their float, Cathy Geske, senior, and Donna Dogan, sophomore, get ready for the Homecoming game.

Many students participated in "Revue '83", including a skit by Tim Runholt and Bill McCoy, juniors.

Audio Visual

AV Club — Front Row: John Harper, Don Bianco. **Second Row:** Phil Labash, Steve Travis, Ron Bianco.



AV captures first place

The AV Club members have captured on film and on video tape many school events. The annual Homecoming parade and powder puff football games were shown on video during all lunch hours for those who had not attended and for those who had participated and wanted to view the events.

"I thought it was a very good idea because some people didn't get to see all of the activities," stated Krissy Kouvelas, junior.

The AV Club had the best car entry in the Homecoming parade, winning a first place trophy.

Club members were actively involved in the school plays and musicals. This year they assisted with a slide show as well as an audio production.

Probably the most important activity was taking part in the annual Media Fair sponsored by the Association of Indiana Media Educators. Schools from all over the state compete in eight different areas of communications.

The AV Club was a state winner in "Best of Show" for the multimedia department. This was a four projector slide show with super 8mm film. The show was programmed to music from "Rush". "They worked very hard on it and they deserved to win Best of Show," commented Leigh Smith, sophomore.

Laura Gavelek

Setting up the camera, John Harper, prepares to film the spring



Kawicki

Untimely illnesses cause cast members anxiety

"It was a really unusual year, several extraordinary happenings occurred. Many of our actors became ill which caused a lot of anxiety within the cast, quite a few times we weren't even sure if the play would be able to open on time," commented Laura LaMarca, senior.

But even with all of the problems, the Thespians had a successful year. They presented "Our Town" in the fall, "Revue '83" in the winter, and "You Can't Take It With You" in the spring. In between their busy play schedule, the Thespians attended the Candlelight Dinner Theatre where

they saw "Camelot" and "They're Playing Our Song".

"Thespians is a different club from the other clubs at our school. In order to be a Thespian, you have to participate in the plays to earn points. By participating, you can either help with the stage or lighting or you can be one of the actors," replied Glenda Gress, senior. "It is a lot of hard work, but it is well worth it," added Gress and LaMarca.

Karen Rendina



Kawicki



Carefully adding the final touches, Mrs. Otterbacher applies the makeup to Mark Sopko, senior, before the spring play.

Kawicki



Parpart

The Flying Ace, Andy Otterbacher, senior, shows his style in Revue '83.

Discussing important plans, Mary Stanton, senior, Tina Malich, senior, and sponsor Joe Morrow, carefully think things over at a Thespian meeting.



Thespian Club — Front Row: Tina Malich, Laurie Reinhart, Mary Stanton, Ray Parpart, Carolyn Price, Dan Proctor. **Second Row:** Kerin Teller, Nancy Carlson, Linda Roe, Brian Tretter, Cathy Geske, Bob Rosich. **Third Row:** Rob Winchester, Glenda Gress, Cheryl Hardt, Tim Runholt, Angie Christo, Richard Robinson. **Back Row:** Mark Sopko, Andrew Otterbacher, Bill McCoy, Joe Coto, Ron Gray, Joe Morrow, sponsor.

Thespians

Creative Arts

Creative Arts Club —

Front Row: Linda Laudani, Carol Ensalaco, Annette Gerlach, Sherri D'Asto, Bill Slade.

Second Row: Kerin Teller, Angie Burger, Vicki Jewell, Eleanor Lewis, sponsor, Karen Wilk, Linda Christoff, sponsor.

Third Row: Danny Rose, Diane Shuman, Paul Steininger, Jill

Back Row: Julian Stryczek, Linda Lewandowski, Carla Marson, Donna McBrayer, Mike Bondra.



New club produces 'Purple Plume'

The Creative Arts Club is an organization allowing students interested in art and literature to portray their talents. This club allows them to publish their own magazine of work, written or drawn, by the students.

The club chose "Purple Plume" as the name of their magazine. According to Paul Steininger senior, "Students work in literature and in art to form a magazine. The magazine will represent works of the students at MHS."

"We want to put creativity back in the school," said Linda Lewandowski, senior, "instead of everyone turning to the mechanics (math and sciences) creativity is also important as far as technology advancements are concerned."

According to Eleanor Lewis, sponsor, the purpose of the club is to promote interest and to support the literary and visual arts at MHS among students and the community.

Lori Riddle

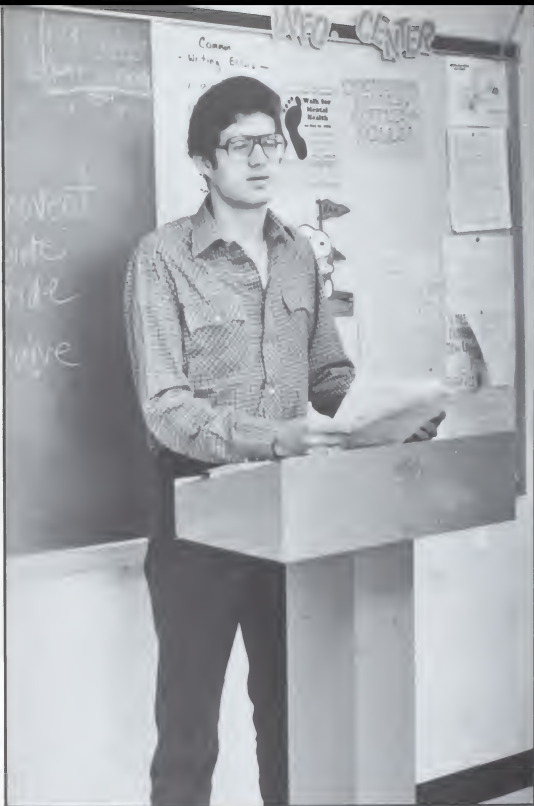
Reviewing manuscripts for the Creative Arts Club magazine are club members Linda Lewandowski, senior, Paul Steininger, senior and Linda Christoff, sponsor.

Typing up newsletters for the Creative Arts Club entrees are Sherri D'Asto and Bill Slade, sophomores.



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Kawicki

Low membership predicts club's end

Everyone has their own opinion on things and likes to express it. Speech and Debate Club offers a chance to do this. "A subject is given at the beginning of the season and you research both sides of it before you perform at the meets," explained Andy Otterbacher, the only senior member of the Debate team.

Although this concept is a good one, the team was shown little interest by the students. "There were only four members on the team this year and next year they aren't even having a club," said Otterbacher.

"There were no meets held here at the high school because there weren't enough people to work them," continued Otterbacher. Warren Eckles, junior, summed it up, "I'm disappointed."

Beth Bianco

Preparing for his next meet, Andrew Otterbacher, senior, practices different speaking techniques.



Speech and Debate Club — Tom Runholt, Andrew Otterbacher, Brian Tretter, Joyce Whittemore, sponsor.

Speech and Debate

New cheerleading squads promote school spirit at games

MHS's cheerleading squad has made many new additions since the start of the school year. One new addition was the volleyball cheerleaders. This squad helped cheer on the volleyball team. Sue Long, senior member of the squad, said, "The girls volleyball team made me feel more like a team member rather than just a cheerleader."

The girls basketball team also acquired a cheerleading squad. These six girls traveled with the team and helped them through a winning season. Karyn Wampler, senior member of the squad, said, "I liked cheering for them because they really appreciated us."

The idea of these squads was developed by the school board. Originally, the girls varsity cheerleading squad was required to attend girls basketball games, but that didn't work out. A suggestion was made to develop these other two squads. Tom Herbert, assistant principal, said, "I think it was an excellent suggestion." Mr. Herbert also said, "The cheerleaders did an outstanding job in developing a rapport between themselves, the fans

and the girls they were cheering for."

The football and basketball cheerleaders had regular seasons. Jill Pennock, senior, said, "I really enjoyed this year since both the basketball and football teams gave us so much to cheer for. It was a great season."

Jamie Desatnick

Parpart



Senior cheerleaders Lisa Mack and Karyn Wampler satisfy a sweet tooth before the Homecoming pep rally.

Varsity cheerleaders — Cindy Saliek, Karyn Palvas, Kathy Wiggins, captain, Jill Pennock, Nanci Poling, Lori Jelesky, Trish Schreiner, Robin Wade.



Girls Basketball cheerleaders — Buffy Palvas, Valerie Vessely, Marla Kaser, Debbie Mihok, Lisa Mack and Karyn Wampler. **Volleyball cheerleaders** — **Front Row:** Sue Long, Dawn Halsted, Valerie Vessely. **Back Row:** Ron Gray, Scott Mizerak.



The varsity cheerleaders displayed their enthusiasm after the basketball team defeated Munster and won the calumet sectionals.

Karyn Palvas and Jill Pennock, seniors, lead the fans in a cheer.

The reserve cheerleaders help to cheer the pirates on to a victory against South Bend Adams.



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Reserve Basketball cheerleaders — Karen Kirksey, Nadene Sever, Sherry D'Asto, Allison Dakich, Shelly Kuzemka, Julie Zale. **Reserve Football cheerleaders** — Front Row: Shelly Kuzemka, Mary Croarkin, Patty Haupt. Back row: Sherry D'Asto, Shawna Eberle, Stecy Plesha.

Cheerleaders

Chess Club

Chess Club — Front Row: Ed Lopez, Jim Flannery, Ed Petrosky, Kevin Fitzgerald. Back Row: Zoran Sovljanski, Terry Gose, Jim Rubash, Jerry Rubash, James Edgcomb, sponsor.



Boys capture sectionals in chess

Concentration, that's the name of the game. The chess club consists of six members, and it is sponsored by James Edgcomb.

Unlike most clubs, the chess club doesn't have any tryouts or entrance fees.

Anyone interested in playing a competitive game of chess can join the club. The team consists of an "A" team and a "B" team.

The team plays on four boards, a draw receives half of a point and a win receives one point for the team. The team competed with Hanover Central, Hammond Gavit and West Side. The boys defeated Munster in the sectionals and missed going to state by only half a point.

Sue Long

Improving his skill, Jim Rubash, junior, practices with James Edgcomb, sponsor.

Terry Gose and Jim Flannery, juniors, concentrate on strategy during a close chess game.



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Homemakers bring holiday to nursing home residents

Who Are the Future Homemakers of America? They are a group of 10 girls, all seniors, who do certain social activities in Merrillville.

At Christmas time, they visited a nursing home to brighten the lives of the many people.

Judy Johnsen, senior, said, "I felt good on the inside after visiting the nursing home."

The FHA is a nationwide club.

Either girls or boys can join; however, no boys have ever joined the club.

Kerin Teller, president, commented that this year was "pretty outstanding as far as activities were concerned." Margaret Stallings was the club's sponsor.

Leslie Lucas



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President of FHA Kerin Teller, senior, shows members their new shirts.

FHA joined efforts with the Building Trades class to create a float for the Homecoming Parade.



FHA — Margaret Stallings, Barb Huddleston, Kerin Teller, Ellen Kochendorfer, Ellen Powell.

FHA

Pom-pons

Pom-pons — Front Row: Joanne George, Stacy Costakis, Sandy Metros, Sue Foremski, Jami Desatnick, Judy Pluth, Barb Underwood, Paula Vessely, Tracy Buncich. **Second Row:** Nancy Carlson, Joan Puntillo, Diane Ramuscak, Carey Johnson, Diane Wirtes, Dawn Spiroff, Patty Fargo, Cindy Lamfalusi, Caroline Guip. **Third Row:** Lena Karabetsos, Tammy Modrak, Sue Metros, Angie Traficanti, Lisa Bowling, Chris Poti, Michelle Broda, Natalie Coyle. **Back Row:** Cherri Adler, Francis Katris, Kim Schlotterbeck, Sharin Pigott, Karin Smolnicky, Benay Kirk.



Pom pons step out in dancing style

The Pom-Pon squad attended Smith-Walbridge Camp in Saracuse, IN. Their sponsor, Candy Bella, once was an instructor at this camp. They learned many new routines for the football and basketball seasons. "Camp was a lot of fun because it gave us all a chance to know each other better," said Jamie Desatnick, senior captain.

The Pom-Pons performed the new routines at half-time of the football and basketball games. The new routines which they performed were, "I Got the Music in Me," "Pink Panther," and "Perdido." Diane Ramuscak, junior, stated, "The routines had more action to them and it was more fun performing them than the old routines."

They also raised money by selling M & M's. With the money raised they were able to purchase new uniforms. "Selling M & M's was an easy way to raise money because people were always willing to buy them," said Barb Underwood, senior.

There are 33 members on the squad. Sue Foremski, Jamie Desatnick and Judy Pluth, senior tri-captains, helped to organize the squad.

Kathy Wiggins

Basketball pre-game activities are started off by the Pom-pon squad's line dances.

Pom-pons perform with streamers to the song "Fame" during halftime of a home basketball game.



photos/Kawicki

Flag Corps drill routine teach 'team effort'

The Flag Corps consisted of 14 girls and led by the two co-captains, Colleen Blair and Laura LaMarca, seniors. Most of their routines were designed by Sue Williams, band director; she is also the Flag Corps sponsor.

The girls practiced in the summer, after school and during band class

time to achieve perfection for Friday night's football games. All members are not only part of the Flag Corps but band members as well.

The girls and the band members both marched on the football field during pre-game and half-time activities. Jackie Swike, senior, said "Being part of Flags for the past two

years was a rewarding experience."

All 14 girls sold M & M's at the beginning of the year to purchase new uniforms. The style was decided on by the girls and their sponsor. The girls preformed to songs such as, "To Life," "Macarena," and "Solute to the Promised Land" provided by the MHS band. Toni Marando, senior, said, "Being involved with Flags was an experience that made me learn how to work on a team." The Flag Corps consisted of five seniors, five juniors and four sophomores.

Sue Long



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The Flag Corps preform to perfection on a cold Friday night during a football halftime.

Anxiously waiting on a command, Toni Marando senior, performs with the band.



Flag Corps

Flag Corps — Front Row: Vickie Jewell, Robin Benson, Jamie Edwards, Lori Goodwin, Monica Houchin, Maria Olivadoti, Lisa Wilkenson. Back Row: Kathy Peterson, Toni Marando, Laura LaMarca, Jackie Swike, Crystal Laser.

French Club

French Club — Front Row: Tom Runholt, Rob Winchester, Caroline Price, Chris Childress, Maria Pavot, Cheryl Hart, Kim Pachapa. **Second Row:** Valerie Pappas, Billie Stefanovic, Diane Nicksch, Nancy Carlson, Jennifer Duncan, Alisa Hafner, Andrea Kawicki. **Third Row:** Debbi Mihok, Karen Wilk, Brian Tretter, Dan Vujovic, Mary Stanton, Patricia Callender, sponsor. **Back Row:** Vesna Pokrajac, Monica Houchin, Brian Cacic, Onofry Olivadoti, Ed Lopez.



French Club enjoys fondue party

Every year the French Club has a fondue party. Preparations for this party were done in the cooking class with each student making something different.

The party gave students the chance to get to know their fellow students and teacher better. Patricia Callender, French Club sponsor, said, "Everyone had a good time and got to taste a variety of French foods. It was well organized."

Monica Houchin senior, commented, "The food was totally top-notch and disgustingly fattening." Karen Wilk, senior, added, "The cheese was so thick that the food stuck to it. But it still tasted good."

The French club consists of 46 members. The president of this club was Brad Touche, senior.

Leslie Lucas

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Preparing her French creation, Diane Wirtes, junior, makes sure everything is properly measured.

Mary Ann Bertram, Spanish Club sponsor, samples one of the fondues at the French Club party.

Spanish Club draws largest membership

The Spanish Club, with 92 members, has the most members involved. The Spanish Club has a regular club and an honorary club. The regular club's officers are Tracy Higgins, president; Trish Schreiner, vice president; Janice Lilly, treasurer; and Irene Halkais, secretary.

The honorary club's officers are Jill Enzwiler, president; and Linda Laudani treasurer-secretary. The honorary club is for the Spanish

students who have been in the club for four years.

The Spanish week was one of the major events. "Participation throughout the year was good. It always seems that in the beginning of the year there is more enthusiasm. This year a lot was accomplished in spanish week," said Schreiner, senior.

Every year the Spanish Club sells M & M's. They raised money for scholarships.

Food was donated by the Spanish Club to the Christmas food drive. "It is nice to donate food to people who are in need at Christmas time," exclaimed Gene Guernsey, senior.

During Basketball Homecoming, the Spanish Club won first place on their float. "Tracy Higgins and Debbie Fisk both spent a lot of time working on the Spanish Club float," said Joby Arredondo, senior.

Barb Underwood



photos/Villarreal



Spanish students Susana Eibel, Nick Pappas, George Marks, and Diane Ramuscak, juniors, share a joke before a Spanish Club meeting.

Club members Linda Lewandowski, Jill Enzwiler, Polly Gard, Trish Schreiner, Linda Laudani, Debbie Fisk, Tracy Higgins and Ysbel Duran display pinatas made for the Christmas holidays.



Spanish Club — Front Row: Mary Jeffries, sponsor, Irene Halkais, Jill Enzwiler, Janice Lilly, Linda Laudani, Traci Higgins, Debbie Fisk, Karen Lesniak. **Second Row:** Ysbel Duran, Scott Terek, Danny Rose, Donna Plumb, Penny Machnik, Angie Passaloukas, Josie Arena, Lori Equihua, Julie Zale, Sue Canchola. **Third Row:** Mike Bondra, Frances Katris, Carla Marson, Linda Lewandowski, Cheryl Fossey, Michelle Gray, Mark Enzwiler, Shelly Kuzemka. **Back Row:** Ed Lopez, Warren Eckels, George Marks, Joby Arredondo, Darryl Bennett, Joe Pienta.

Spanish Club

Honor Society

Honor Society — Front Row: Laura LaMarca, Debbie Fisk, Tracy Higgins, Linda Laudani, Mary Krol, Angela Andreatos, Carol Ensaiaco, Rachel Abramson, Karyn Palvas, Lynn Pigott.

Second Row: Karen Wilk, Carla Marson, Jill Pennock, Mary Stanton, Lisa Rusbasan, Zaya Tica, Judy Pluth, Karen Huber, Dawn Plumb, Nancy Rubush. **Third Row:** Mark Howe, Ron Holbrook, Jon Giacomini, Rade Radjenovich, Tim Mesarch, Steve Kaschak, Tom Adams, Ed Brizendine, Joe Koepke. **Back Row:** Brad

Touchette, Adam Fabrici, Terry Flynn, Jeff Brown, Casey Carrabine, Steve Nicholich, Dan Johnson, Pete Nonos, Nick Bumbales.



Discussing fund raising ideas, members of Honor Society met informally after school.

Honor Society member Laura LaMarca, senior, participates in the exchange program with South Central High School.



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Society recognizes students with academic excellence

The National Honor Society is a very prestigious organization for students who have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or better.

The Honor Society recognizes those students who have worked hard to receive such high marks.

The induction for new Honor Society members was May 4.

Honor Society maintains its high standards by having teachers vote on students before inducted in the club. Each student in the club must have high standards and have good stature

in the school system. The advisor of the Honor Society is Diane Mandon. The club sold MHS Pirate license plates to raise money.

The officers of the National Honor Society were Ed Brizendine, president; Angela Andreatos, vice president; Kelly Lepp, secretary; and Lynn Pigott, treasurer.

Andreatos said, "I feel honored and privileged to be a member and an officer of the National Honor Society."

Lenny Schmidt

Field trips highlight club's year

The Earth Science Club, sponsored by Christine Pavel, is an organization for students who are interested in science outside the classroom.

Members visit various places of interest throughout Indiana, Illinois, and Wisconsin to further their knowledge about past, present and future science information.

"We don't have anything like this in Belgium," said Paul VanSimaey, senior exchange student, "it's the only club where we go places."

In the past, club members have visited the research departments of the Field Museum of Natural History, the Science and Industry Museum, the Oriental Institute, the

University of Chicago and the Children's Museum in Indianapolis.

Officers include Carol Ensallaco, president; Lynn Pigott, secretary and treasurer; and Alonzo Villarreal, historian.

Karen Sierkowski



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Discussing future plans, Scott Terek, sophomore, and Christine Pavel, sponsor, ask other members for suggestions for future field trips.

Club members gather in front of an exhibit at the Milwaukee City Zoo on one of the Earth Science Club's field trips.



Earth Science

Earth Science — Front Row: Scott Terek, Carol Ensallaco, Lynn Pigott, Margaret Eich.
Back Row: Dan Rose, Brian Tretter, Christine Pavel, sponsor, Warren Eckels.

Student Council 'does it all' in '83

"A great amount of time and effort was put forth by Student Council members this year to successfully plan the activities so often enjoyed by students and faculty at MHS," said Pat Mulloy, Student Council sponsor. This large group consisted of 40 students.

Student Council got a head start on things and began to prepare for the week of Homecoming. The Student Council sponsored all the events making up this week and chose the theme "It's a Celebration."

With the exception of a few, Student Council sponsored most of the dances at MHS and unlike previous years, held a new dance called, "Daddy-Date Night."

Student Council also sponsored a very successful "Car Send Off" for

the basketball team at MHS and took part in a "Retreat" for one day.

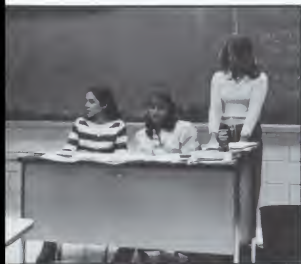
The purpose of this retreat was to let the students get to know each other and bring them closer together. Beth Bianco, senior, said, "Being a new member was a unique experience. Everyone worked together to try to get things accomplished and I feel that's important for an organization to have."

Also pleased with the job done by Student Council, Karen Rendina,

senior secretary, added, "I feel this year that the council was more organized and seemed to accomplish much more than the past two years."

Although things went rather smoothly this year, a few proposed, changes are directed toward next year's constitution. There is a possibility of having officers elected by Student Council instead of student body and all officers will have to be incoming seniors.

Amy Absher



Student Council officers Lori Riddle, Karen Rendina and Anne Guba prepare the agenda for the meeting.

Student Council members shows their enthusiasm at one of their weekly meetings.



Kawicki

Student Council — Front Row: Chris Franz, Valerie Pappas, Angela Andreatos, Lori Riddle, Lori Jelesky, Anne Guba, Karen Rendina, Jeannie Dudak, Phillip Pardus.

Second Row: Pat Mulloy, sponsor, Jennifer Thompson, Allison Dakich, Mary Krol, Beth Bianco, Beth Kormos, Louis Maginot, Karen Hendrickson.

Third Row: Caroline Gulp, Shawna Eberle, Vera Angeloff, Patty Haupt, Mark Demitri, Lisa Mack, Sherry Moore, Debbie Lemke.

Back Row: Ed Brizendine, Lenny Pysh, Eric Micheal, Jim Marando, Ray Radjenovich, Casey Carrabine, Joe Zajac, Ron Gray.

Student Council



Gray



German Club

German Club — **Front Row:** Carol Ensalcó, Carole Stanik, Stephanie Steininger, Janice Schnick, Rob Moore. **Second Row:** Lisa Wilkison, Scott Feneck, Ray Radjenovich, Rade Radjenovich, Karen Johnson, Vicki Tsampis. **Third Row:** Steve Kaschak, Vic Atsinger, Don Bianco, Ron Bianco. **Back Row:** Ray Hamilton, sponsor, Pete Andres, Dan Johnson, Phil Labash, Rich Robinson.



Villarreal

Homecoming float excels again; members sell 'Gummi Bears'

"We won the trophy for the best club float in the Homecoming parade for the second year in a row," stated Lisa Wilkison, junior.

The German Club also tried something new for a fundraising project. Instead of selling M & M's like most other clubs, the German Club decided to sell Gummi Bears. Ray Hamilton, sponsor, explained, "Gummi Bears are a chewy candy shaped like bears, imported from Germany."

With money from Gummi Bear sales, the club took a field trip to a

German restaurant.

They had club parties such as the Christmas party and the Fasching party, similar to the celebration of Mardi Gras.

This year's officers were Carol Ensalcó, president; Rade Radjenovich, vice president; Lisa Wilkison, secretary; and Frank Burke, treasurer.

Laurell Evans

The German Club parades down Broadway on their award-winning Homecoming parade.

FEA

FEA — Front Row: Sandy Grant, Jackie Neff, Cathy Seber, Diana Carlson. **Second Row:** Debbie Fisk, Kelly Spott, Mrs. Teeter, Doreen VanMeter, Lori Jelesky. **Back Row:** Polly Cimbaljevich, Tammy Jelenek, Cathy Hicks, Julian Stryczek, Linda Lewandowski, Laura LaMarca.



Turnabout highlights FEA year

The MHS Future Educators of American are a group of students that do things to make MHS more exciting. FEA sponsors the turnabout dance that is held each year.

FEA also helps tutor students who need additional help in school. The annual teacher's breakfast is also sponsored by FEA.

Carol Teeter, sponsor, said that she and her husband enjoy working with students.

Mrs. Teeter feels that FEA was a success this year because all the club members worked together to make the club work. The officers for FEA were Jackie Neff, president; Diane Carlson, vice president; Sandy Grant, secretary; Cathy Seber, treasurer; and Doreen Van Meter, historian.

Kelley Spott, senior, said, "I enjoy being in FEA because it adds fun to school by giving and receiving gifts, and planning dances."

Lisa Carrigan, junior, said "FEA should of been a success because the turnabout dance was a success."

Kelly Bartley

Performing her duties as an elf, Cathy Seber this time receives a holiday surprise from a teacher.



Vincent

Quill and Scroll inducts 17 new members

Probably one of the most generally acknowledged of honorary groups in high school is the one that honors students with a very high GPA, the National Honor Society. But there is also a honor society that honors students for their superb writing and journalistic skills. This society is the Quill and Scroll.

Valerie Tanke, in her first year as sponsor at MHS, is well experienced in this area. She was yearbook adviser as well as Quill and Scroll sponsor for four years at her previous school.

Not just anyone can be in Quill and Scroll. Special requirements must first be met. The student must be in the upper third of his class and had to have been in a publications for at least one semester. Even if a student meets these requirements, he still must be recommended and selected by the adviser based on his work quality.

Mrs. Tanke said, "The quality of the members is very high" and "they picked up the skills very fast."

The induction for this year was Mar. 17. Laura LaMarca, Jackie

Swike, and Kathy Wiggins, the returning members, performed the ceremony. Each lit candles representing aspects of a true journalist. The main candle represented truth, which is the top priority of a writer. Len Schmidt, senior, thought "the ceremony was fun and well-organized." Jill Pennock, senior, joked, "It was rather risky lighting candles indoors, and the ceremony should have taken place in the science lab where fire precautions could be met."

On May 18, the Quill and Scroll sponsored a publications banquet for members and their parents at El-Mars restaurant. The purpose of the banquet, according to Wiggins, senior, is "to honor the senior members and to get a good start for the next school year."



Performing the induction ceremony, Jackie Swike, senior, lights a candle as Kathy Wiggins, senior, looks on.

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Karyn Palvas



Taking the Quill and Scroll pledge, Karen Rendina, Barb Underwood and Angela Andreatos, seniors, will soon be official members of the Quill and Scroll, a journalism honor society.



Quill and Scroll — Front Row: Valerie Tanke, sponsor, Lori Rimer, Angela Andreatos, Karen Rendina, Karyn Palvas. **Second Row:** Mark Kezy, Andrea Kawicki, Barb Underwood, Kathy Wiggins, Lenny Schmidt, Carla Marson. **Third Row:** Veronica Garza, Eric Michael, Laurell Evans, Jackie Swike, Ray Parpart. **Back Row:** Laura LaMarca, Joby Arredondo, Bob Vincent, Jill Pennock, Ron Lagenoek.

Quill and Scroll

1983 Merrillvue: only the name 'remains the same'

A new adviser, a new printing company, a new representative — could any more changes have swept through the 1983 **Merrillvue**?

Yes! Staff members chose their own section styles, thus, "Each section will have its own look, and you'll know sports from academics and ads," explained Valerie Tanke, publications adviser.

Gathered around the big work table in the yearbook room, staff

members designed the format for their yearbook and decided how the finished yearbook would appear.

Being part of an all-senior staff added incentive, as Kathy Wiggins, co-editor, illustrated, "The seniors worked harder because they felt it was their yearbook."

Few staffers will forget the camaraderie and freedom of working on the **Merrillvue**, where members worked at their own pace, free of teachers' lectures.

"We had lots of togetherness," said Jayne Yetzko, staff member. "We always helped each other with things like captions and headlines."

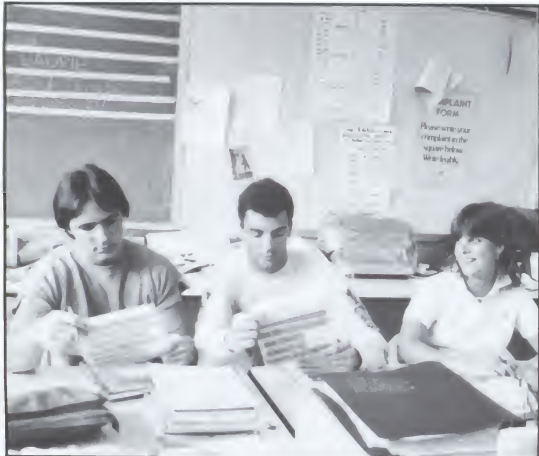
"It was fun to get together and talk," commented Wiggins, "but at the same time we were getting work done."

But as deadlines neared, tensions mounted, typewriters hummed to complete copy, rulers worked overtime to finish layouts and members anxiously awaited for the photos to be developed.

"You aren't pressured to work every day," stated Barb Underwood, co-editor, "but if you don't work one day, you might have to work harder another day."

No one breathes a sigh of relief until the finished product is on its way to be printed by Josten's/American in Tennessee. As Lori Rimer, staff member, concluded, "I'm relieved the work is over, but not the class. It was one of the best classes I ever had."

Carla Marson



Working to complete their spreads Don Engle and Lenny Schmidt, seniors, search through negatives as Kathy Beckham, senior, looks on.

photos/Parpart

With total concentration, Sandy Merced, senior, looks for pictures to use on ad pages.



Merrillvue — Front Row: Kathy Beckham, Jamie Desatnick, Sue Long, Dawn Lisek, Kathy Wiggins, Barb Underwood, Karyn Wampler, Kim Koveck, Sandy Merced, Lori Rimer, Andrea Kawicki. **Second Row:** Valerie Tanke, adviser, Angela Andreatos, Mary Krol, Beth Bianco, Karen Rendina, Laura Gavelek, Kelly Bartley, Leslie Lucas, Cindy Saliek, Karen Sierkowski. **Back Row:** Karyn Palvas, Don Engle, Amy Absher, Lenny Schmidt, Jackie Swike, Alonzo Villarreal, Ray Parpart, Jane Yetzko, Ron Gray.

Merrillvue





The Mirror

The Mirror — Front Row: Alonzo Villarreal, Andrea Kawicki, Laurell Evans, Darin Abernathy. Second Row: Valerie Tanke, sponsor, Veronica Garza, Eric Michael, Carla Marson, Jackie Swike. Third Row: Glenda Gress, Karen Rendina, Trish Schreiner, Laura LaMarca, Ray Parpart. Last Row: Mark Kezy, John Yakubec, Joby Arredondo, Bob Vincent, Ron Lagenoek, Ron Gray.



Putting the final touches on the sports page, Joby Arredondo, senior, displays his outstanding abilities.

Finishing page two layouts, Jackie Swike, editor, consults the previous issue for an idea.



Newspaper staff makes major changes in paper format

Writing for a newspaper can be an exciting and challenging experience. And writing for "**The Mirror**", a MHS student production is no different.

Many changes were introduced in 1983 to produce a totally new look for the paper. "The format was changed to look like a regular newspaper. We added more cartoons and unusual photos to make it more interesting for the students," commented Laura LaMarca, front page editor.

Jackie Swike, editor-in-chief, brought some new ideas home with her from a summer workshop on student newspapers; she attended Ball State University. "I learned about layout and design from instructors who were there from all over the country," said Swike.

Another major change for "**The**

Mirror" was its new adviser, Valerie Tanke. She came to Merrillville after working in another system for four years. "Along with being helpful and friendly toward her students, Mrs. Tanke made a lot of improvements in the paper," said Ron Lagenoek, business manager.

Despite all these changes some things stay the same; deadlines still have to be made. Joby Arredondo, sports editor, stated, "I remember one issue when I was taking my story out of the typewriter as the printer was coming in the door, but that's an exception not the rule."

Beth Bianco

Busily typing to finish their stories, Veronica Garza, sophomore, and Laura LaMarca, senior, strive to make the Monday night deadline.



Spirited members support athletic teams through successful seasons at MHS

Pep Club has been very active in supporting all teams. During sectionals and regionals the club painted signs and put them in the hallways. Club president, Sandy Merced, said, "It was really great to be a part of Pep Club this year because the crowd was so enthusiastic throughout the seasons."

The members helped the cheerleaders to support the teams by forming a cheering block. Along with forming a cheering block, many of the Pirate fans dressed for the occasion. Students were also seen with purple and white make-up on their faces. "I believe that we've gained much support from the student body and have improved over all school spirit," said Ron Gray, senior.

Pep Club's main goal is to promote school spirit. The over all school spirit generally depends on how rowdie the senior class is. "Working

with Pep Club has its own rewards. The personal satisfaction of seeing the student body united is one of them," said Carol Teeter, sponsor. Pep club obtained many of its goals. Mrs. Teeter also stated, "We had a fine group of seniors to lead us this year. I am very proud of the effort they showed. They will be missed very much."

Jamie Dasatnick

Vincent



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Hangin' signs became very popular this year as Beth Bianco, senior, and Sandy Merced, president, demonstrate.

Pep Club fans prepare for the regional matchup to begin against Lew Wallace.

Pep Club — Front Row: Anne Guba, Cathy Seber, Sandy Merced, Bill Koen, Bob Rosich, Andrea Kawicki. **Second Row:** Beth Bianco, Carol Teeter, sponsor, Lori Jelesky, Kathy Beckham, Karen Hendrickson, Sandy Grant. **Third Row:** Laura LaMarca, Diana Carlson, Tammy Jelenek, Teresa Spencer, Mary Ann Connelly, Jill Habrych. **Back Row:** Julian Stryczek, Jackie Neff, Cathy Hicks, Ron Gray, Linda Lewandowski.

Pep Club





M-Club

M-Club — Front Row: Patty Ornelas, Jill Pennock, Pete Nonos, Scott Elliot, Karyn Palvas. **Back Row:** Mandy Leposky, Laurell Evans, Michelle Dzyacky, Jay Layman, Bob Beck, Casey Carrabine.

Homecoming's 'Slam Dunk' dance draws large crowd for M-Club fund raiser

"The 'Slam Dunk Dance' was one of the best school dances we've had this year," said Jennifer Potter, sophomore.

M-Club members planned the dance which was immediately after the Homecoming basketball game with the guidance of June Owens, sponsor.

The number of paid M-Club members was low. However, Mrs. Owens said, "Next year we are going to allow J.V. athletes to join the

club." She added that the membership drive will be extensive next year.

Laurell Evans, junior, added, "M-Club's purpose is to recognize students that have received an athletic M."

Officers for 1983 include Jay Layman, president; Bob Beck, vice president; Laurell Evans, secretary; and Michelle Dzyacky, treasurer.

Eric Michael



Students boogie down at the Basketball Homecoming 'Slam Dunk' dance which was sponsored by the M-Club.

M-Club members spent many long hours of work to enter a float into the Homecoming parade.



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Quest Club

Quest Club — Front Row: Bob Vincent, Lance Bella, Bob Rosich, Tomi Lovely, Scott Mizerak. **Back Row:** Vicki Jewell, Debbi Parks, Bridget Robinson, Lori Jelesky, Jerry Kasarda, sponsor.



Quest serves community

As most Quest members know, Quest extends far more than just in the classroom. The Quest Club is for all students. In fact, much of its success and strength comes from students who have different beliefs, ideas and feelings.

Jerry Kasarda, Quest sponsor, said, "The club is a type of organization that could help you in broadening your personality and help your self being." "Such activities as giving Christmas and Easter plays for the preschoolers is an important part of Quest," commented club officer Lori Jelesky.

Also the club has been involved in community service projects, visiting senior citizens, group rap sessions, spaghetti dinners, soap sales, and selling flowers on Valentine's Day and St. Patrick's Day.

"The club is hoping to expand in the forthcoming years," said Bob Rasich, senior.

Frosty the Snow Man, Bob Rosich, senior, talks to elementary children during the Christmas holidays.



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Don Engle

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During an early morning Quest Club meeting, Jerry Kasarda, sponsor, demonstrates how to consume a doughnut.



Bridget Robertson, senior, **Alien the Easter Bunny**, greets elementary students with a handshake and a hop.



Vincent



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Sunshiners welcome new teachers

The Sunshine Society is a unique club that only girls can join. The only requirement to belong in the club is to want to help others and share your happiness.

Right now MHS has the only club in Lake and Porter Counties. A new chapter is being formed at Lake Station.

Each summer the Sunshine Society sends their officers to camp. Kerin Teller, senior, said, "As president of the club I enjoy the Sunshine Society because I can share and give to others."

This year the Sunshine Society is sending a handicapped child to camp. They also went to tradewinds at Christmas to help the handicapped children.

Grace Bovard, sponsor, said "The club has been the greatest happiness in all my years of teaching."

Brenda Boyd, vice president, said, "I feel that the club has made me more aware of other people's problems. I can also relate to others better."

Kathy Beckham

Kerin Teller, senior, shows Paul Schuyler, principal, her appreciation with a cup of coffee.

Renea Miller, sophomore, and Cindy Scott, senior, serve the new teachers while they relax at a morning breakfast.



Sunshine Society — Front Row: Becky Drakis, Michele Kray, Lori Equihua, Kerin Teller. **Second Row:** Debbie Marino, Karen Watkins. **Third Row:** Grace Bovard, sponsor, Dannette Guzman, Beth Jasiak. **Fourth Row:** Lisa Rusbasan, Renea Miller, Cindy Scott, Sue Scott. **Back Row:** Kathy Woods, Brenda Boyd.

Sunshine Society

MHS choir highlights year with music, dance, choral fest

The MHS choir is made up of 65 juniors and seniors. The two main concerts of the year were the fall concert intitled "Scrooge" and the spring concert intitled "Celebration."

The Merrillville choir hosted the Lake County Choral Fest in which seven schools attended. Mr. Jerald Reinhart, music director, commented, "The Lake County Choral Fest seemed to be pretty successful."

Many choir members said they enjoyed being a part of the MHS choir. Connie Evans, senior, replied, "I enjoy music so in return, I also enjoy choir."

The choir has special groups of select people which make up the Vocalteens and the Velveteens. They sing as well as well as dance. Kathy Oliver, junior stated, "I met some of my closest friends through choir."

Kim Koveck

Jerald Reinhart, music director, listens carefully to a recording of the choir rehearsing.

The velveteens practice hard to polish songs and routines. They perform for school and community programs.



Gray



Parpart



Velveteens — Front Row: Debbie Chidester, Connie Evans, Joan Puntillo, Carolyn Price.
Back Row: Kathy Oliver, Cathy Seber, Dorene VanMeter, Tammy Jelenek, Margaret Eich, Benay Kirk.



Vocalteens — Front Row: Scott Mizerak, Amy Giordano, Dan Proctor, Jessie King, Laurie Reinhart, Ray Parpart, Angie Canchola, Paul Tomak. **Back Row:** Ken Madsen, Cheryl Hardt, John Russell, Debbie Parks, Diane Bellamy, Jeff Maloney, Cathy Geske, Sandy Grant, Bob Rosich.

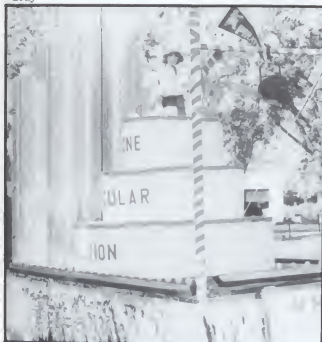


Gray

The Choral fest includes students that participate from different schools as they join together as one choir.

Making a float entry for the Homecoming parade, the choir enters "One Regular Sensation."

Concert Choir — Front Row: Diane Bellamy, Sue Canchola, Racheal Abramson, Angie Canchola, Sandy Grant, Carolyn Price, Joan Puntillo, Cathy Geske, Beth Kaegebein. **Second Row:** Laurie Reinhart, Connie Evans, Kathy Oliver, Dan Rose, Paul Tomak, Bob Rosich, Mike Marino, Margaret Eich, Benay Kirk, Dawn Lisek. **Third Row:** Dorene Van Meter, Jackie Powell, Jennifer Duncan, John Harper, Ray Parpart, Craig Schoenfeld, Don Bianco, Jessie King, Cheryl Hardt, Kay Shultz. **Back Row:** Traci Irwin, Kim Moore, Tammy Jelenek, Jeff Maloney, Ken Madsen, John Russell, Ron Kirby, Terry Eck, Lisa Gill, Cathy Seber, Debbie Chidester.



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Concert Choir Girls Glee Velveteens Vocalteens

Girls Glee — Front Row: Suzie Norris, Maria Pavot, Bobbie Conn, Caiti Brown, Ann Spargo, Dawn Bridges, Cynthia Collie, Jennifer Potter, Karen Hendrickson, Kathy Guftakis, Marlette Gonzalez, Donna Dogan. **Second Row:** Anne Elliot, Natalie Coyle, Danette Guzman, Janice Schnick, Kim Winter, LuAnne Thomas, Kim Meade, Chris Froman, Paula Moon, Kelly Ellich, Julie Zale. **Back Row:** Lori Equihua, Holly Wozniak, Karen Smolnucky, Vicki Frey, Dee Hill, Kathy Thompson, Sandi Sharp, Chris Kroll, Lori Strong, Missy McCrosky, Karen Eyrich, Lisa Regeski, Renea Miller, Kim Cagle, Beth Jasiak.



MHS band performs during game halftimes, parades

It's Friday night, Aug. 27, just before the first varsity football game of the season. A large crowd neatly dressed in uniforms gather just inside the gate leading to the field.

The group proceeds around the track to the visitors side in perfectly formed lines. The two drum majors, conveniently twins, step onto the platform. There is a silence as the National Anthem begins. The MHS band is performing again.

Even though the students are most familiar with the band performing at the football games, many of the members join together at basketball games to form the very popular Pep band.

Granted, some students complain about it, most think it's a great idea. As senior Karen Sierkowski commented, "It wouldn't be the same without it".

Throughout the year, playing music is only half of what the band does. They planned a trip to Cedar Point. But to make the cost for each member less expensive, they have fund raisers.

The sale of M & M's has always been a popular craze in the school. As Don Engel, senior, commented, "All the girls buy M & M's, and it keeps them quiet in class."

Other fund raisers conducted were the sale of cheese and sausage and of popcorn. Every July 4, the band marches down Broadway in the annual parade. Two other parades they participate in were Loyalty Day parade and Memorial Day parade.

Sue Williams, band director, admitted that the highlight of the year is when the band enters contest, which is held in Portage every year. Here, all the Northwest Indiana bands come together. Each one is rated by three judges. The MHS band received a perfect score. Each year, some members of the band audition for the All-State Band. Only the

highest quality musicians are chosen.

The two MHS students that made it this year are Tom Runholt, flute, and Ed Guanajuato, bari-sax, both juniors. Honors were given to Len Pysh, flute, and Tim Runholt, clarinet, juniors.

Dawn Lisek



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Band — Front Row: Adam Carroll, Tom Runholt, Jackie Swike, Toni Marando, Ken Haupt, Ed Brizendine, Alex Stojanovski, Mary Kay Hovanec, Carol Krawczyk. **Second Row:** Bernie Shimely, Dawn Bell, Robin Benson, Josie Arena, Kim Pachapa, Melissa Morris, Jennifer Bigelow, Colette Lindborg, Penny Machnik, Kristi Irwin, Tammy VanScoyk, Willie Morris, Amy Blair. **Third Row:** Mary Stanton, Lisa Wilkison, Donna McBrayer, Onofrio Olivadotti, Paul Kasprzak, Tim Runholt, Lori Goodwin, Diane St. Martin, Kelley Spott, Debbie Trzaska, Dan Johnson.

Fourth Row: Karen Johnson, Jeanne Galovic, Jim Marando, Dan Deckweiler, Richard Jimenez, Rich Robinson, Vicki Jewell, Angie Christo, Ed Guanajuato.

Back Row: Adam Fabrici, Mark Bateman, Bill McCoy, Mike Peterson, Brad Touchette, Laura LaMarca, Dave Shatkowski, Lance Bella, Joe Zajac, Mark Lieber, Ron Bianco.



Band



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The MHS band marches down Broadway during the traditional Homecoming parade



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Kawick

"Pep Band gives me a good feeling inside when I give a really good performance," stated Laura LaMarca, senior.

The MHS band students give their all during half time at a football game with the help of Flag Corps members.



Orchestra — Front Row: Dan Johnson, Bernie Shimley, Amy Blair, Adam Carroll, Kenny Haupt. Second Row: Mike Peterson, Lance Bella, Jeannee Gavic, Laura LaMarca, Brad Touchette. Back Row: Phil Lund, Steve Simmons, Dave Shatkowski, Joe Zajac.



Orchestra — Front Row: Melissa Morris, Jim Morando, Rich Robinson, Bob Rosich. Second Row: Dan Dockweiler, Adam Fabrici, Karen Johnson, Mark Bateman. Third Row: Paul Kasprzak, Bill McCoy, Rich Jimenez. Back Row: Eddie Brizendine, Kenny Haupt, Alex Stojanoski, Kevin Fitzgerald, Ed Guanajuato, Tom Runholt, Len Pysh, Tim Runholt.

Orchestra — Front Row: Mary Stanton, Tim Runholt, Tom Runholt, Jackie Swike. **Second Row:** Lisa Wilkison, Lenny Pysh, Coleen Blair, Jim Morando, Rich Robinson, Dan Johnson, Debbie Trzaska. **Third Row:** Mark Bateman, Bill McCoy, Kenny Haupt, Laura LaMarca, Joe Zajac. **Back Row:** Adam Fabricei, Karen Johnson, Alex Stojanowski, Dave Shatkowski, Phil Lund.



Orchestra — Front Row: Margaret Retilly, Kelley Spott, Colleen Blair, Dawn Bowman, Angie Christo, Vickie Jewell, Mark Lieber, Ron Bianco, Tom Nipper, Donna McBrayer, Ed Guanajuato, Willie Morris, Onfro Olivadotti, Lisa Wilkison, Lenny Pysh, Patty Haupt, Christel Laser, Debbie Trzaska, Russell Parkhurst.



Music department displays pride during orchestra week

Just as our school has a band, it also has an orchestra. Even though they perform some of their concerts with the band, they do have some of their own.

But since orchestra instruments are not designed to perform with the band when they march in parades, they have other activities to make up for it.

They played dinner music at the Greek Hall at a dinner for the Friendly Sons of Erin. They also held an Orchestra Week. This was designed to make students more aware that there is an orchestra in

our school. They showed some of their instruments in the front lobby display case and showed videos that week during lunch.

The orchestra participated in the Lake County Orchestra Festival held in Highland and also went to contest where they received a second rating. Some of the students performed in solos or small groups. In solo and ensemble contests students received ratings.

Dawn Lisek



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Four MHS band members won All-State honors. They include Ed Guanajuato, Tom Runholt, Tim Runholt and Lenny Pysh, juniors.

Rehearsing for the fall concert, Danielle Fife, senior, and Kathleen Brooks, junior, concentrate on their violins.

Carol Stanik, sophomore, concentrates intensely on her selection for an upcoming concert.





Orchestra

Orchestra — Front Row: Susan Kozak, Cheryl Fossey, Patti Danyi, Karen Ector, Scott Elliott. **Second Row:** Doug Barnes, Kathy Oliver, Jackie Neff, Debbie Marino. **Third Row:** Carole Stamik, Denny Kulage, Steve Kaschak. **Back Row:** Mark Boyd, Charlotte Boyd, Kathleen Brooks, Danielle Fife, Thomas Mitchell, director.



Kawicki

Members of the Pep Band anticipate their next opportunity to play at home basketball games.

Orchestra Students give their complete attention to the guest conductor, Steve Larson.

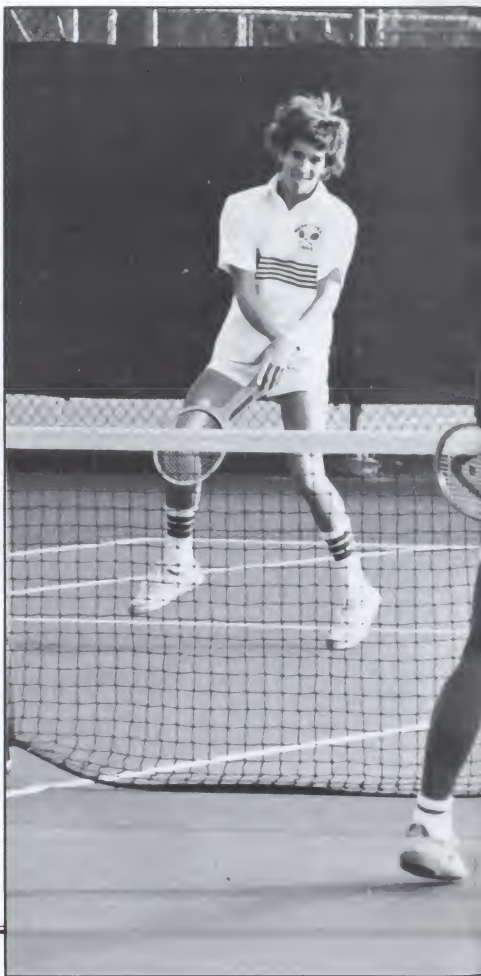


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Mr. and Mrs. Giacomini are just one of the many parents honored on "Parent's Night" by the MHS athletic department.



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ONE
OF A KIND

Sports:

MHS is "One of a Kind" in sports. This includes the football team with their 8-2 record.

This "One of a Kind" record enabled the team to make the play-offs. "In the summer when we went on a senior retreat, I set a goal for myself to try to make it into the sectionals," stated Don Engle, senior.

The girls volleyball team went to regionals. They were unique because they had cheerleaders cheering them on for the first time in MHS history.

The male tennis team was also "One of a Kind" winning their first sectional title. "We really wanted to win sectionals bad because we lost our sophomore year, so the

seniors really wanted it," said Joe Arredondo, senior.

The boys swim team, the Bucs, sent Bob Beck, senior, to the state swim finals. Beck won his third state title. He said, "I was really pleased. I was happy with my times, but I would have liked to have gone faster. I made a few minor mistakes that altered my performance. Over all I have been swimming for 12 years, and I think it has paid off."

Scott Mundell, junior, and Jay Mack, sophomore, are the two wrestlers who also made it to state competition.

The students at MHS supported their "One of a Kind" athletes.



Diane Vermillion, junior, spikes the volleyball over the net.

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Going to the net, Tom Adams, senior, plays his opponent in a singles match.

Pirates capture final spot in play-off bid

The Pirates made the play-offs for the first time since 1977.

In '82 David Woodward, senior, rushed for eighth place in the area scoring. At the end of the regular season Woodward rushed for 550 yards and seven touchdowns. According to **The Hammond Times**, Merrillville was highly rated despite an early upset by Lew Wallace. Pirate touchdowns were scored by Jon Rhodes, junior, and Woodward. MHS led in most all statistics. They rushed for 222 yards but a fumble on the one yard line hurt. MHS had three interceptions in the losing battle. They were by Don Engel, Jon Giacomini, and Doug Cochran, seniors.

The next week MHS traveled to Lake Central who had beaten a tough Bishop Noll. As shown in the

outcome, the Pirates were ready. They crushed the Indians 42-6. Merrillville rushed for 296 yards led by Lou Spiru, junior, who rushed for 102 yards and 6 points. Woodward and Alex Pantelic, senior, had two touchdowns. The other one came on a 35 yard pass interception by Lenny Schmidt, senior. Giacomini and Steve Krutz, senior, each had one interception. The only Indian score came on a 94-yard kickoff return.

After the Pirates got on the winning track, they were looking for number two. Munster came into the game with a 1-1 record. The Pirates shut out the Mustangs 28-0. Woodward scored two touchdowns. Spiru and Pantelic added one each. The MHS defense held Munster to 7 yards rushing and 54 yards passing. The Pirates rushed for 273 yards and

103 yards passing.

Next, came Chesterton. It rained all day and night, but the Pirates prevailed in the muddy battle 10-0. Nick Bravos, senior, had the only Pirate touchdown. Branko Jocić, junior, iced the game with a 23-yard field goal.

Pirates then faced conference rival Portage. The Indians scored first on a 59-yard pass. In the second quarter John Ogiedo, senior, picked up a blocked punt and ran it back for a 43-yard touchdown. Late in the third quarter, Woodward plunged in from the one to make it 13-7. The Pirates rushed for only 116 yards. Pantelic had 58 yards. Krutz also came up with an interception.

Lenny Schmidt

Varsity Football 8-3

	MHS	OPP
Lew Wallace	19	21
Lake Central	42	6
Munster	28	0
Chesterton	10	0
Portage	13	7
Hobart	6	14
M.C. Rogers	17	16
Valparaiso	(OT) 10	7
Andrean	(2OT) 16	13
La Porte	34	0
Sectionals		
Highland	13	14

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Co-captain Mike Sakaleros, senior, leads the Pirates to a victory against Munster.

Dave Woodward senior, feels his way through the line as the Hobart defenders close in. MHS fell victim to the state runner-up Hobart 14-6.

Football



Looking for an opening, Lou Spira, junior, receives the hand-off from Nick Bravos, senior.



Varsity Football Team — Front Row: S. Mann, J. Bardeson, G. Gatlin, N. Bravos, J. Giacomini, D. Engel, S. Krutz, D. Woodward. **Second Row:** J. Ogizio, F. Primich, R. Moses, M. Judge, A. Pantelic, M. Sakaleros, D. Cochran, L. Schmidt, B. Remley, S. Bunnell. **Third Row:** J. Ogizio, S. Dougherty, T. Brown, D. Roszkowski, D. Waters, B. Jocie, K. Haupt, B. Curcio, N. Miller, E. Lopez, J. Rubush. **Fourth Row:** B. Bardeson, M. Oliver, J. Stewart, J. Miller, L. Spira, K. Bell, P. Lozanoski, E. Schrenker, G. Karras, C. Kosac. **Fifth Row:**

J. Rhodes, R. Niles, P. Fisacable, D. Herbert, D. Mriscin, M. Miner, M. Shayotovich, M. Geary, B. Woodward. **Last Row:** Coach Ken Haupt, Coach Roger Hanks, Mgr. J. Stryczek, Mgr. D. Lisek, Student Trainer N. Bumbales, Mgr. D. DeStefano, Mgr. C. Shoenfeld, Coach Jeff Yelton, Coach Joe Atria, Trainer Sam Ford.

Lenny Schmidt, senior, tries to cut the corner as the Portage defenders close in.

8-3 season ends successfully for MHS

The Pirates challenged their 4-1 record against AP 2nd ranked Hobart. According to Janice Qualizza, athletic director, 8 to 10,000 people were expected. It was a hard fought game but the Brickies came out on top 14-6. The Pirates showed that they wouldn't die by scoring in the last quarter. Woodward caught five passes for 63 yards and one touchdown on a 26-yard pass from Ken Haupt, junior.

The Pirates bounced back against their next opponent Michigan City Rogers. Rogers jumped out to a 14-0 lead until M-ville struck for 17 points in the fourth quarter. First, Lou Spiru, junior, took a reverse for a 70-yard touchdown. Then Haupt connected with Steve Bunnell senior, for a 78-yard touchdown pass. Next, Schmidt intercepted a pass and ran it back to the six yard-line.

Three plays later, Jocic put the Pirates up for good with a 20-yard field goal. The Pirates took an intentional safety and the game 17-16. Haupt completed five for 133 yards.

Pleasing their Homecoming crowd, Pirates beat Valpo 10-7 in overtime. Valpo took an early lead in the second quarter on an interception. The Pirates recovered a fumble on the

Valpo 39 yard line. On fourth down Nick Bravos, senior, completed the touchdown pass to Jeff Ogiego, junior. Jocic kicked the winning field goal in overtime to put the Pirates at a record of 6-2. Schmidt led the defense with 3 interceptions.

Next came cross-town rival Andrean. It took two overtimes but the Pirates squeaked out another one, 16-13. At the end of regulation time, the score remained 7-7. Andrean scored first but the extra point was blocked. Next the Pirates scored on a pass from Haupt to Mike Judge, senior. But, Andrean blocked the extra point. In the second overtime MHS settled for a field goal to take the lead 16-13. Merrillville's defense sacked the 59'ers quarterback twice for an 18 yard loss. All the Pirates had to do next week is win and they were in the play-offs.

After Spiru started the ball rolling by scoring on an 8-yard run, Haupt plunged in from two yards out for the second score. In addition Pantelic and Matt Naspinski, each added a touchdown. The final icing on the cake was a touchdown pass from Haupt to Bunnell. The Pirates crushed LaPorte 34-0.

Pirates were in the Play-offs for

the first time since 1977. The Pirates came out on the short end 14-13 against Highland. MHS took a 6-0 lead on a 22 yard pass from Haupt to Bunnell. The snap on the extra point was fumbled. The Pirates came out in the second half with a bang after Woodward returned the kick-off 96 yards for a touchdown. They broke down when Spiru fumbled. Highland recovered on the five yard-line. Two plays later they scored on a four yard pass. The Trojan's other score came on a fourth and 2. Highland threw a seam pass for a 26 yard touchdown. The Pirates ended the season with an 8-3 record and second in the conference.

The Junior Varsity finished first in the Duneland Conference. Their most exciting game was against Hobart. With six seconds left Dave Herbert, sophomore, threw a TD pass to Dan Green, sophomore, to win 6-0.

Mike Shayotovich, sophomore, said, "We had a really good season, and if things continue to improve we could be very impressive."

Also Lou Castellani, sophomore, stated, "It was a super year, and it served as an excellent learning experience."

JV Football 6-2

	MHS	OPP
LaPorte	33	0
Lake Central	6	14
Andrean	12	0
Chesterton	28	0
Portage	28	0
Hobart	6	0
M.C. Rogers	18	0
Valparaiso	6	21

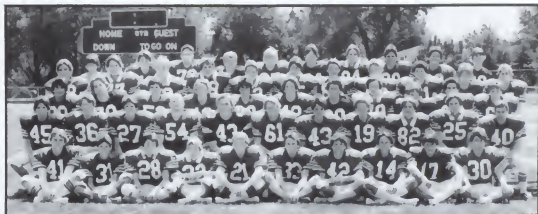
Pirate secondary Ron Moses, senior, and Barry Woodward, junior, pursue an oncoming Brickie.



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Football

Leading a power sweep JV sophomores Rich Niles, 54, and Mike Shayotovich 17, looks for oncoming defenders.



Reserve Football Team — Front Row: Buzz Underwood, Mark Krutz, Jeff St. Germain, Jay Mack, Jim Gavelek, Lou Castellani, Paul Matthews, Dave Herbert, Mike Shayotovich, Buddy Norris. **Second Row:** Jack McKinney, Mike Mesarch, Mark Schmidt, Rich Niles, Mike Miner, Bill Gornik, Gus Tasicus, Victor Atsinger, Walt Schreiner, Jeff Rice, Dan Vespo. **Third Row:** Ben Luna, Paul Klimaszewski, Matt Wilk, Jim Foster, Ron

Maihofer, Dave Megquier, John Miller, Alan Radu, Greg Schuster, Jesse Guardiola, Steve Michael. **Fourth Row:** Ron Vlasic, Jeff Sopczak, Matt Naspinski, Paul Fiacable, Shawn Vowell, Dan French, Dan Green, Larry Kacmar, Neil Eubank, Tom Martin. **5th Row:** Phil Pardus, manager, Jeff Martin, George Glagola, Bret Storey, Terry Gill, Bob Scheub, Richard Dyman, John Tagelski, John Catchur, Julian Stryczek, trainer.

Distance runners improve during seasons

Girls Cross Country 2-5

	MHS	OPP
Munster	36	19
Chesterton	0	32
Thornton Fractional North	28	27
Portage	49	15
Crown Point	49	15
St. Francis	22	34
Illiana	37	18

Boys Cross Country 6-5

	MHS	OPP
Munster	26	31
Morton	15	47
La Porte	26	33
Valpo	45	16
Gary Roosevelt	50	15
M.C. Rogrs	23	23
Hobart	32	25
Portage	50	50
Andrean	22	34
Lowell	47	53
Griffith	47	27

When the warning bell rings to start another hectic school day, students run to their classes. At lunch, students run to be first in the lunch line. But when the final bell rings, a relieved student body relaxes and goes home. Yet the girls and boys on the MHS cross country teams are still running.

The girls run everyday at Deep River County Park.

In his first year coaching this sport, Jack Neuliep said, "Deep River is one of the roughest courses to run, but the most enjoyable."

The girls run five to six miles on this terrain. "This is an advantage for them over teams because the hilly country helps prevent injuries when running on an unfamiliar course," said Coach Neuliep.

The girls started running in the middle of July to prepare for the season, but official team practice didn't begin until August.

The boys team, unlike the girls, started their individual practice at the end of June. Coach Jim Moody said, "We take the boys to towns near by and tell them to find the route back to Merrillville." This

eventually amounted to between 500 and 800 miles of running over the summer.

Coach Neuliep has a "very young team", consisting mainly of freshmen and sophomores.

The boys, on the other hand, have six seniors on the team. Gary Glatt, senior, said, "The team has a very good attitude because of the strong leadership. I think the addition of Loren Rachford, senior, on the team definitely made it stronger, but all of the runners perform well."

There are many factors involved in being a cross country runner, however, physical ability isn't the most important aspect. Coach Neuliep said "Basically it's mental strength and a desire to improve themselves ... physical ability is not that important."

Captain Ed Brizendine, senior, said, "Each member has about the same ability, except for Rachford, who is our top runner."

At regionals they placed fourth, and then went on to semi-state to place twelfth.

Coach Neuliep said, "The girls team will continue to improve their times."

Karyn Palvas



Girls Cross Country — First Row: Pam Pfeifer, Chris Braun, Anna Lopez. **Last Row:** Liz Martinez, Robin Benson, Coach Jack Neuliep, Diane Metcalf, Brenda Tompkins.

Towards the end of the race, Fernando Martinez, junior, strives for the finish line.



Cross Country

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Just edging out her opponent, Chris Brady is working at keeping her lead at Deep River Park.



Boys Cross Country — **First Row:** Jason Makulka, Paul Kasprzak, Ed Brizendine, Gary Glatt, **Second Row:** Bill Benjamin, Fernando Martinez, Loren Rachford, Don Rogers, John Yakubec. **Last Row:** Chris Wieser, Rich Hernandez, Coach Jim Moody, Ron Holbrook, Scot Semper, John Guzman.

Concentrating on his form, John Yakubec, senior, runs with a consistent pace at the Duneland Conference meet.

Netters capture first sectional title

The varsity tennis team won sectionals for the first time in MHS history.

The netters were led by strong players such as David Satka and Joe Arredondo, seniors.

Satka who was at the first singles position with a record of 13-4 and Arredondo at the 2nd with a record of 16-4 will greatly be missed next year. Both Satka and Arredondo said that they enjoyed their season and accomplished their goals.

This year has been a different experience for Coach Joe Ameling since he coached only the varsity girls in previous years. Coach Ameling said, "This being my first year coaching the boys team, I have found that the boys are very self-motivative and aggressive players."

The teams season started with an outstanding effort when the team placed second in the Highland Invitational. Tom Adams, senior, and Toby Darkins, junior, placed first in the doubles at the second doubles spot. Coach Ameling said, "I hope the winning tradition at Merrillville will continue in the future."

The following awards were presented at the end of the season: Dave Satka, Most Valuable; Joe Arredondo, Best Record; and Mental Attitude; Tom Adams, Most Improved.

Dave Satka, senior, shows an intimidating return. Satka was the No. 1 singles player.

Varsity Tennis — Front row: Tim Semic, Dan Wikse, Steve Ramusak, Toby Darkins. **Back row:** Tom Adams, Dave Satka, Dan Vujovic, Joe Arredondo, Coach Joe Ameling.



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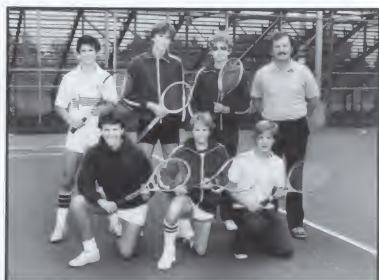




Netter teammates Dan Vujovic, senior, and Steve Ramusack, sophomore, display great team work.

Boy's Varsity Tennis 14-6

	MHS	OPP
LaPorte	4	1
Crown Point	1	4
M.C. Rogers	2	3
Hobart	4	1
Lowell	5	0
Portage	1	4
Chesterton	4	1
Valparaiso	3	2
LaPorte	4	1
Andrean	3	2
M.C. Rogers	3	1
Hobart	4	1
Portage	2	3
Chesterton	5	0
Valparaiso	1	4
Sectionals		
Hobart	5	0
Griffith	5	0
Lake Central	5	0
Highland	3	2
Regionals		
Munster	0	5



Reserve Tennis Team — First Row: Jim Marando, Niel Petroff, Eric Michael. Last Row: Bob Stephan, Jan Minners, Pat Nealon, Coach Joe Ameling.

During the Hobart meet, Joe Arredondo, senior, concentrates on his forehand return.

Modrak advances; Shinovich 2nd in state

It certainly was a memorable year for two outstanding players, Sherri Modrak, senior, and Jennifer Eibel, sophomore.

Modrak qualified for regionals by finishing second at sectionals. Eibel remarked, "We are all proud of Sherri for making it to the regionals."

"I am happy to be representing MHS as the first individual in the girls regional in ten years," said Modrak. Beating most of the girls, Modrak placed high at regionals with a score of 97.

Coach Ed Wiles was very happy with the performance of Eibel, a returning medalist. Modrak stated, "I think Jennifer will be an excellent golfer and one of the top golfers in the area by her senior year."

The team faced more experienced

opponents including Michigan City Rogers and Valparaiso. Modrak explained, "Even though we had a very young team, I feel we had an excellent season. We beat most of the teams in our area and placed high in the major tournaments. We're losing two seniors, but next year's team should be as good, if not better than this year's team."

The girls golf team ended their season by placing fifth at sectionals.

The girls receiving honors at the sports' banquet this fall included: Sherri Modrak, Best Attitude, Lisa Primer, Most Improved, and Jennifer Eibel, Top Medalist.

Despite a 2-7-2 record, the girls proved their swimming ability with ties against two tough teams, LaPorte and Hobart.

Karen Lesniak, senior, added, "Lake Central was another tough meet, but it was close, we only lost by four points."

"Every year the team seems to get smaller, which makes winning even harder," stated Mary Dyman, senior.

Sue Shinovich, junior, placed second in the 100-meter breast at state. Shinovich said she was happy to represent the team at state.

The girls receiving honors at the athletic banquet this fall included: Mary Dyman, Most Valuable Player and Best Attitude, Karen Lesniak, Most Improved, and Margie Gianikis, Team Spirit Award.

Karen Rendina

Girls Swimming 3-6-2

	MHS	OPP
Chesterton	29	90
Highland	31	88
LaPorte	62	62
Valparaiso	47	80
Hobart	63	63
M.C. Rogers	70	57
Portage	53	73
Lake Central	62	65
Crown Point	70	57
Munster	43	82

Girls Golf 6-7

	MHS	OPP
M.C. Elston	218	209
Portage	210	232
Marquette	216	208
LaPorte	205	196
Chesterton	202	203
South Newton	208	196
Andean	208	218
M.C. Rogers	223	172
Rensselaer	218	212
Knox	228	253
Hobart	215	237
Munster	211	230
Valparaiso	213	192

Showing her winning form, Sue Shinovich, junior, earned the right to compete at the state tournament.



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Golf

Displaying her perfect form, Jennifer Eibel, sophomore, tees off at the meet against Portage.



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Girls Golf Team — First Row: Amy Cook, Karen Kasprzak. **Last Row:** Kim Greene, Jennifer Eibel, Missy Sadowski, Coach Ed Wiles, Sherri Modrak, Kathy Peterson, Lisa Primer.



Girls Swimming Team — First Row: Susie Lax, Amy Giordano, Jill Giordano, Karen Lesniak, Lori Dian, Mary Dyman, Joni Dornburg, Cathy Olson. **Last Row:** Stacey Lawrence, Margie Gianakis, Sue Shinovich, Chris Froman, Anne Elliott, Coach Jim Walsh.

Practicing diligently to cut down on her time, Joni Dornburg, sophomore, performs the 200-meter freestyle.



Parpart

Swimmers small in numbers, mighty in pool

When you ask a person what he thinks of "swimming", he might answer with such words as fun, relaxing, beaches and summer. Ask this same question to a member of the MHS boys swim teams, and he will probably answer with words such as tiring, practices and competition.

The swim team started practicing in October in preparation for their tough winter season. Practices were far from relaxing, with the team swimming about 300 to 400 laps a day. Unlike most other sports, the team practiced in the morning from 5:45 to 7:45 a.m. in addition to their practices after school from 3 to 6 p.m. All the work is very beneficial for swimming.

Bob Beck, senior captain, believed that "one must be in physical shape for strenuous workouts, so the long practices are a great help to improve one's swimming." He also added that mental attitude should also be strong with a "very good attitude in or out of the pool." Scott Elliot, senior, stated that the practices are "too long" and "fun, but hard work."

Helping the boys to improve their skills and attitudes was Jim Walsh, coach, and Kurt McIntyre, assistant coach. This was Walsh's second year coaching the team and McIntyre's first.

The team finished with a 5-6 this year. The turning point in the season was the Lake Central meet. Joe Arredondo, senior, said, "After the Lake Central meet, competition got much harder."

Another important meet in the season was Valpo. Doug Lewan, senior, said, "We really wanted that conference victory, but we just could not do it." The main reason for many of the team's losses was its size. There were only 11 swimmers and 4 divers on the team. Coach Walsh commented, "We started with seven

at the beginning of the year ... as we gained a few swimmers our ability to compete as a team also grew."

The team's strength came from the good quality and leadership of the swimmers. Beck said, "We had power up front and good quality swimmers with experience." Coach Walsh believed that "we had an outstanding attitude for such a small team." He felt that "all of the guys made tremendous strides forward as individuals as well as athletes this year."

They finished their regular season second in the conference, they placed fourth at sectionals and

they placed eleventh at the state meet. Beck placed first in the 200 IM, winning his third state title and also setting a new state record in that event. He swam to a second place finish in the 100 backstroke.

Coach Walsh was very pleased and felt that "his record is remarkable" and that "the hard work and sacrifice paid off." The medley relay team also put in a great effort to place eighth in that event. After the state meet, Arredondo said, "We may not have been too big, but we did a good job and had a heck of a time doing so." Coach Walsh added, "I'm proud to have coached this team."

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The Furber swimmers get off to a good start against Lake Central.



Boys Swim Team — Bottom Row: Joe Arrondo, Bob Beck, Dan Steininger, Eric Dornburg, George Marks, Coach Jim Walsh.
Second Row: Richard Dyman, Scott Elliot, Bryan Cacic, Doug Lewan, Rob Wozniak, Coach Kurt McIntyre. **Last Row:** Richard Lesniak, Paul Tomac, Chris Yogo, Jay Carich, Dave Kierkowski.



Practicing the butterfly, Scott Elliot, senior, shows good form and determination.

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Caught in mid-air, Dave Kierkowski, junior, executes a great dive.

After winning the Zoo IM, Bob Beck, senior, takes a rest at the state finals in Indianapolis.

Boys Swimming 5-6

	MHS	Opp
Chesterton	66	61
Hobart	74	53
Portage	68	59
Lake Central	59	68
Crown Point	58	68
Munster	50	77
Valpo	49	78
LaPorte	75	52
M.C. Rogers	87	40
Bishop Noll	46	80
Highland	49	78

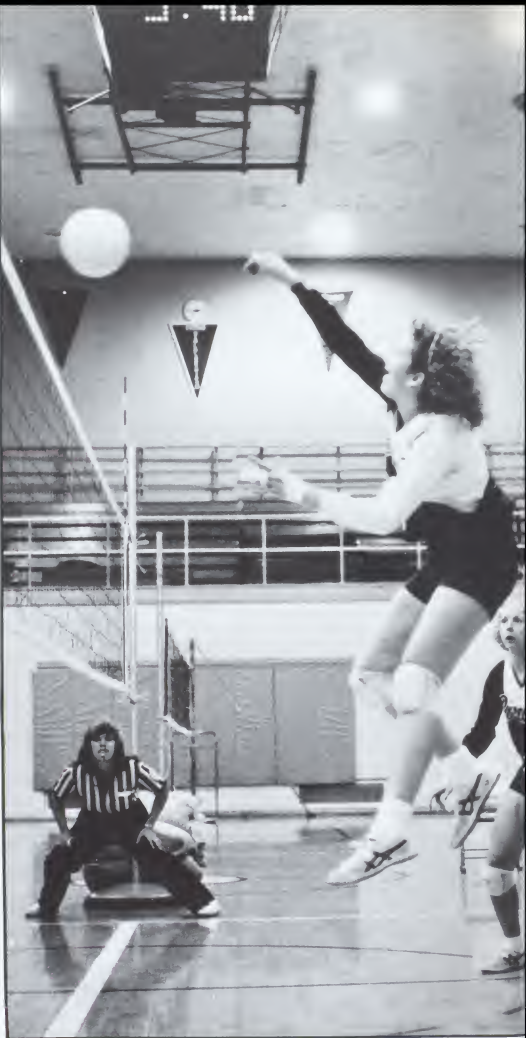
GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL
17-6

	MHS	OPP
Hammond Gavitt	L	W
Crown Point	L	W
Lake Central	W	L
Lake Station	W	L
Lowell	W	L
Calumet	L	W
Chesterton	W	L
Bishop Noll	L	W
Munster	W	L
M.C. Rogers	W	L
Hammond Morton	L	W
Griffith	W	L
Highland	W	L
Hobart	W	L
Valparaiso	W	L
Hebron	W	L
Andrean	W	L
Portage	W	L
LaPorte	W	L
Sectionals		
Hobart	W	L
Valparaiso	W	L
Chesterton	W	L
Regionals		
Calumet	L	W



J.V. Volleyball Team — Front Row: Kara East, Tabby Hicks, Karen Ector. Second Row: Jill Habrych, Valerie Pappas, Teresa Silva, Linda Kruppa. Third Row: Laura Kapitan, Kim Scholtz, Sandra Tharp. Back Row: Manager Andrea Kawicki, Coach Sandy Love, Diane Wilk, Karen Johnson, Pam Wilczynski, Manager Theresa Spencer.

Showing her spiking form, Cheri Vermillion, senior, puts the ball over the net.



Volleyball

MHS remains conference champs for second consecutive year

While most high school students were just enjoying their last month of summer vacation, the girls volleyball team was practicing diligently to improve their skills for the tough season ahead. But, not just anyone can be on the team, as Cheri Vermillion, senior, said, "a player should have a good mental attitude, volleyball skills and be willing to put 100 percent effort into each game."

The MHS was coached by Joe Starkey. "He has good knowledge of the skills and of the game. He helped us by participating and showing us how the game should be played," replied Karen Huber, senior. All of the hard work seemed to pay off, the girls ended their season with a 14-5

record. The girls then went on to win sectionals. "Everyone put out a 101 per cent effort," added Huber and Vermillion. According to Huber, the season turned around after the Morton game. The team lost that game, but that loss is what made them work harder.

Vermillion remarked, "Our first main goal was to win the Duneland Conference for the second year. We accomplished that and then worked very hard to keep the sectional title."

"We stressed team effort and took one game at a time. We were never over confident, and we never gave up. Every game we played was important," said Huber.

Karen Rendina



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Varsity Volleyball Team — First Row: Jennifer Thompson, Cheri Vermillion, Melisa Henrichs, Diane Vermillion, Jackie Neff. **Back Row:** Coach Joe Starkey, Traci Irwin, Sandy Manis, Jennifer Duncan, Karen Huber, Deanna Carlson, Asst. Coach Jill Pierce.

Successfully blocking the ball, Deanna Carlson, senior, and Jennifer Duncan, junior, are caught in mid-air.

Putting the ball over the net, Pam Wilczynski, freshman, bumps the ball as Melisa Henrichs, junior, prepares for her next move.

'Classiest team on court' wins Duneland Conference title

Although most students spend their Saturday mornings sleeping late, the girls' basketball team spent their Saturday mornings diligently practicing for the demanding season ahead.

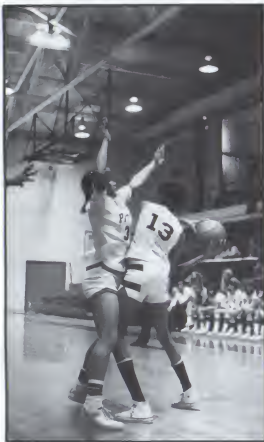
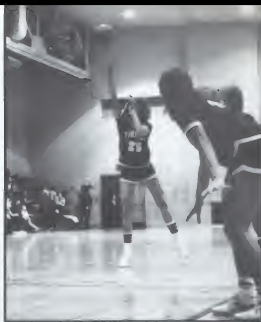
"Basketball is the hardest sport to play because it requires the largest number of skills," said Coach Mike Regan. "In other spots, if you practice one specific skill you can, but in basketball, you must be able to do all things because the game is so fast you can't substitute. The game goes from offense to defense without play stopping," he added.

Cheri Vermillion, senior, said, "Coach Regan stressed that we were the classiest team on the court."

According to Vermillion, the turning point of the season was the Roosevelt and Crown Point games. "We played one of our better games against Roosevelt even though we lost. Crown Point was a real big win for us."

The girls ended their season with a 13-7 record, and then went on to sectionals, where they won their first game against Andean, 43-28. They lost their second game against Crown Point, 46-33.

Karen Rendina



Displaying her form, Diane Vermillion, junior, carefully shoots at the freethrow line.

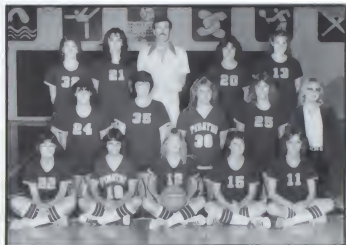
Showing her blocking skills, Kristine Rettig, sophomore, tries to distract her opponent.

An Andean guard unsuccessfully tries to block Sandy Manis, senior, as she shoots from mid-center court.



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Basketball



Girls Basketball 13-7

	MHS	OPP
Hammond Morton	55	46
LaPorte	42	32
Bishop Noll	66	56
Highland	41	51
Andrean	48	39
Chesterton	43	42
Portage	57	43
Munster	39	49
Lake Central	29	28
Gary Roosevelt	41	49
Hobart	57	34
Lake Station	40	29
Valparaiso	45	53
Crown Point	54	48
Calumet	47	41
Michigan City Rogers	60	48

Jumping well above her opponents reach,
Shari Moore, junior, shoots for two.

Girls Varsity Basketball — Julie Fratzke, Jackie Neff, Cheri Vermillion, Patti McNally, Kristine Rettig, Janice Lilly, Coach Mike Regan, Assist. Coach Jim Vermillion, Diane Vermillion, Diana Carlson, Shari Moore, Sandy Manis, Jennifer Thompson, Kris Glatz. Kneeling: Manager Jennifer Larson.

Girls JV Basketball — **Front Row:** Gina Gornick, Julie Fratzke, Deanna Riese, Karen Ector, Denise Rogers. **Second Row:** Mary Ann Connelly, Tracy Koenig, Karen Johnson, Manager Jennifer Larson. **Last Row:** Charlotte Boyd, Sandy Tharp, Coach Jim Vermillion, Patty Haupt, Mary Croarkin.

Bucs go 19-5; best record since '78

The 1983 Pirates continued their winning ways by capturing the conference crown, Highland Holiday Tourney and the sectionals for the second straight year.

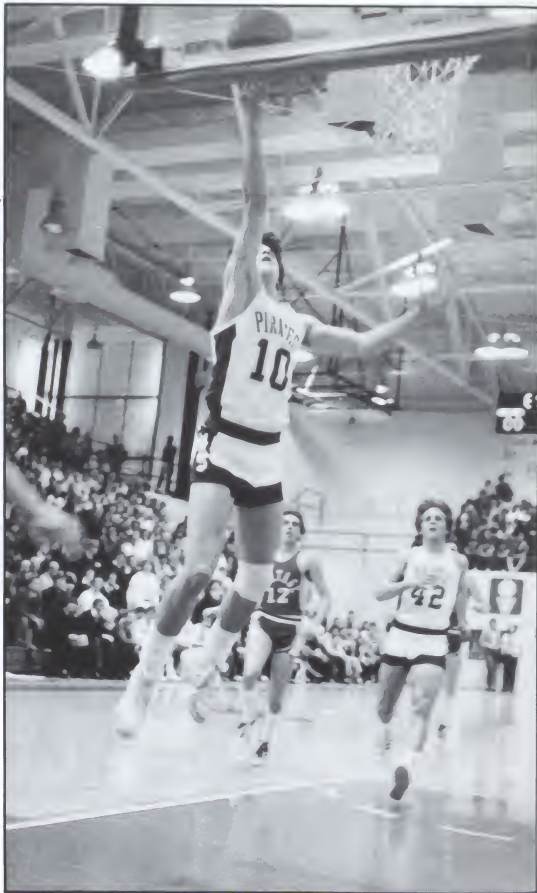
In the first game Merrillville crushed Lake Central 69-45. Lake Central took an early 10-4 lead and that was the last time they were in control. The Pirates ripped 13 straight points for a 17-10 lead. Merrillville hit 17 of 25 from the charity stripe while Lake Central only connected on 3 of 10. "We showed some poise tonight," said Jim East, Varsity basketball coach. "We used our big men well. We'll be a hard team defensively to match up with."

The Pirates then went after Lew Wallace but came up a little short. MHS lost 60-59 in the closing seconds. The Pirates controlled the tempo all night with that mind-boggling, four-corner offense. The Pirates took a 16-8 first quarter lead, and things looked pretty good. Wallace outscored MHS 20-15 in the second quarter cutting the score to 28 at the half.

It was all downhill as Wallace outscored the Pirates 32 to 28 to capture its third straight win. A combination of Mike Meschede, junior, and Lenny Schmidt, senior, held Parade All-American Johnny Fort to a measly eight points. Jay Layman, senior, paced the Pirates with 17 points. Casey Carrabine and Dennis Metcalf, seniors, each added 12 points.

Merrillville won its first conference game by defeating Valpo 50-38. The Pirates went into the game with a record of 4-2. Valpo played that same type of game as the Pirates. They slowed the ball down to no affect as Merrillville handed them their third loss in five attempts. "We tried to disrupt their tempo, and I thought we were successful at it" said Coach East. The key to the game was keeping Valpo off the freethrow line. Valpo only made 6 of 11 attempts. Carrabine lead all scorers with two points. Meschede added 13.

Dennis Metcalf, senior, goes up for an easy two on this fast break against Portage.



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Basketball



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Lenny Schmidt, senior, tries to steal a ball from a South bend Adams player.



Awaiting a fellow Pirate, Casey Carrabine, senior, eyes a pass past the Michigan City Rogers defender.

Varsity Basketball Team — Front Row: Steve Wilczynski, Dennis Metcalf, Jeff Kontor, Casey Carrabine, Gene Guernsey, Joe Pienta, Nick Bumbales. **Back Row:** Sam Ford, Mike Meschede, Brian Petrovich, Kevin Bell, Jeff Brown, Darrell Bennett, Branko Joicic, Tom Nipper, Jay Layman, Lenny Schmidt, Don Slys, Joel Potts, Dr. Phillips, Rob Winchester, Chuck Hardt, Coach Jim East.



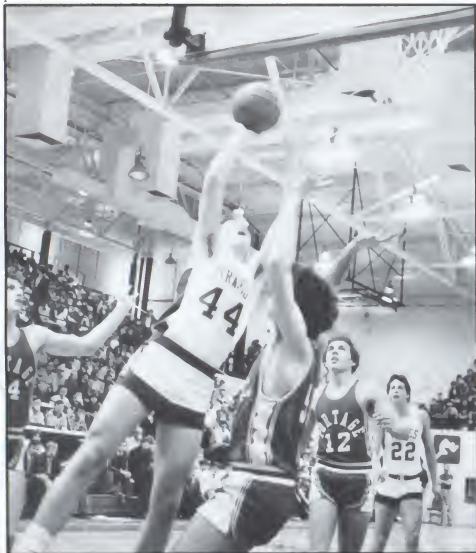
**Varsity Basketball
19-5**

	MHS	OPP
Lake Central	69	45
Lake Station	78	67
Lew Wallace	59	60
South Bend Adams	61	55
West Side		
Andean	65	54
Valparaiso	50	38
Holiday Tournament		
Munster	80	61
Highland	51	43
Hobart	70	40
Chesterton	58	72
Bishop Noll	38	47
Crown Point	76	62
LaPorte	74	57
Munster	72	49
Michigan City Rogers	73	65
Portage	48	42
Gary Roosevelt	65	63
Highland	58	48
Michigan City Elston	84	78
Sectionals		
Calumet	64	46
Lake Central	84	78
Munster	57	50
Regionals		
Lew Wallace	50	52

Perfectly executing the jump shot, Dennis Metcalf, senior, shoots over his opponent.

Leaning into his shot, Jay Layman, seniors, towers over his helpless defender.

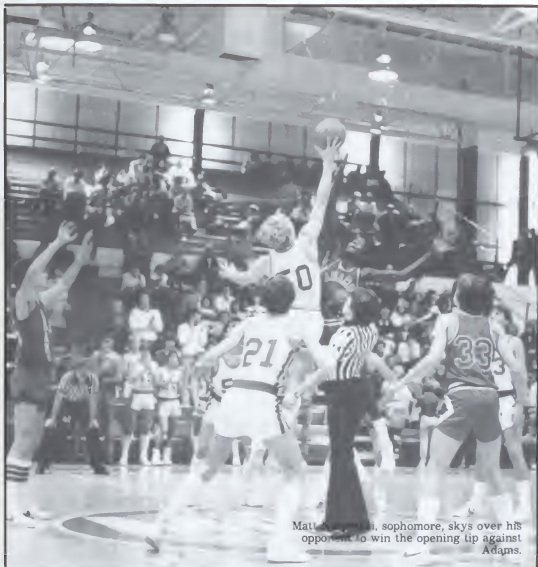
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Mike Meschede, junior, breaks backdoor for an easy two in the final game of the sectionals.

Basketball

Pirates capture sectional crown



Matthew Hall, sophomore, skys over his opponent to win the opening tip against Adams.

The Pirates came into the Michigan City Rogers game with hopes for a tie in the conference with a win. The scrappy Pirate team manhandled the Associated Press's second ranked team in the state, 73-65. With a bundle of free-throws and that destroying 4-corner offense, the Pirates shut off Rogers in front of a packed house at Englehart Gym. Merrillville started out slow as Rogers took a 20-12 first quarter lead. In the second quarter, M-ville came back and took a 32-26 half time lead on Schmidt's, last second shot that put the icing on the cake. Carrabine led the Pirates with 26 points.

Merrillville's next big win came against Gary Roosevelt. The game was tied at 63-63 and Meschede threw up a prayer. Carrabine just happened to be at the right place at the right time to tip in the missed-shot with no time left, and the Pirates pulled off a hat trick at Bo Mallard gym. Jay Layman, senior, led for the Pirates with 22 points. Meschede added 21 points.

They ended their season with a win over Michigan City Elston 74-56. Dan French, sophomore, led the scoring with a scorching 31 points. The Pirates started out slow but rallied back to whip Elston in the second half. The start of their season was a little slow, but the JV's rallied back to claim their Holiday Tournament.

Lenny Schmidt

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Junior Varsity Basketball 12-8

	MHS	OPP
Lake Central	33	30
Lake Station	44	38
Lew Wallace	46	47
South Bend Adams	44	47
West Side	35	30
Andrean	42	44
Valparaiso	35	45
Merrillville Tournament		
Andrean	47	43
Munster	50	34
Hobart	46	34
Chesterton	39	42
Bishop Noll	51	54
Crown Point	30	42
LaPorte	51	40
Munster	62	38
M.C. Rogers	54	60
Portage	57	35
Gary Roosevelt	Forfeit	
Highland	60	44
M.C. Elston	74	56



Junior Varsity Basketball Team — Front Row: Mike Shayotovich, Alex Stefoski, Louis Castellani, Brian Reeves, Mark Schmidt, Dave Herbert, **Back Row:** Bill Paige, Dan French, John Tavaras, Coach Slys, Art Geberin, Larry Kacmar, Dan Green.

Mundell, Mack qualify for state wrestling meet

State qualifiers, Scott Mundell (32-1-1) and Jay Mack (28-6-1) finished on outstanding season with Mack finishing fourth in the state. Mundell completed the season with 20 pins out of his 28 wins. "I am satisfied with this year's season, but I wish I could have done better at state," commented Mundell, "I also feel that next year's team can be even better."

Tom Cameron, wrestling coach, guided the matmen to a conference title with a 10-1 season. The Pirates placed first in the Culver and Duneland tournaments as well as placing first at the sectionals, regionals, and fifth in semi-state. "The team has done such an outstanding job due to the fact

that the team is so well balanced," said Coach Cameron.

Members including Scott Mundell, Jay Mack, and Willie Cruz (25-7-1), juniors, helped the grapplers secure the tournament titles. Captain David Woodward (24-7) helped the team by capturing the most take downs for the '82-'83 season. "I was proud to be on a team that accomplished so much. We captured more tournament titles than any other year at Merrillville."

Don Engle

Wrestling 9-1

	MHS	OPP
Crown Point	36	18
LaPorte	40	19
Andean	65	6
Michigan City Rogers	41	20
Plymouth	37	21
Penn	25	35
Kokomo	50	12
Chesterton	45	16
Hobart	29	25
Valparaiso	52	10



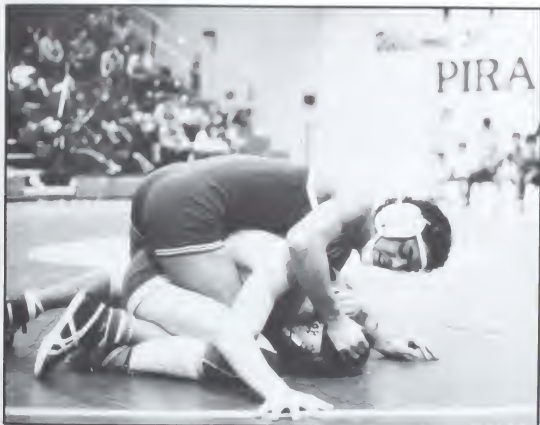
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State qualifier Jay Mack, junior, stocks his man in a Semi-State match hosted by MHS.

Doing what he does best is junior, Scott Mundell, aggressively working toward state and increasing his 32-1-1 record.



Wrestling



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Reserve Wrestlers — First Row: John Allen, Oscar Rodriguez, Bob Nicksic, Chuck Mahaffey, Al Garcia, Mark Mahaffey, Jack McKinney. **Second Row:** Terry Gill, Eric Miner, Jim Gavelek, John Catchur, Tony Galoozis, Matt Wilk, Rich Lamarca. **Back Row:** Coach Richard Hurey, Don Brant, Andre Dubois, David Gee, Dave Megquier, Joe Budner, Coach Jerry Bratcher, Coach Tom Cameron.

Returning letterman Willie Cruz, junior, cranks on some extra pressure to a Hobart wrestler.

Varsity Wrestling — First Row: Jay Mack, Tom Magiera, Scott Mundell, Mike Magiera, Willie Cruz, David Mircin, Paul Matthews, Tom Dobrowski. **Back Row:** Coach Tom Cameron, Mike Miner, Brian Bardean, Skip Walker, David Woodward, Nick Pappas, Barry Woodward, Bret Storey, Coach Jerry Bratcher, Coach Richard Hurey.

Team leader and captain David Woodward, senior, sets himself up to get takedown points.





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Caught in the middle of a handspring, Denise Darkins, sophomore, executes a near-perfect vault.

Striking a pose on the balance beam, Nancy Gress, junior, shows strength during her performance.

Balancing with poise and confidence, Patty Ornelas, junior, performs her beam routine.

Gymnastics

Team takes 7th straight sectional title

When someone mentions gymnastics, what are the first things that come to mind? "Strength, flexibility, coordination, and dedication, these are some important qualities gymnasts must have," said Nancy Gress, junior.

"You must also have a lot of determination," added Jeanine Kierzkowski, freshman.

The MHS gymnasts proved to have all of these qualities and more. They finished their season with a 12-0 record, but they didn't stop there. The girls also won the Duneland Conference, sectionals for the seventh year in a row and regionals.

Then for Gress, Kierzkowski, Sarah McAnally, junior, and Michelle Mokol, junior it was on to state. Although they didn't win first place in state, the girls showed their determination by bringing back a third place trophy.

According to Gress, the highlights of the season were defeating Chesterton in a dual meet, along with conference and regionals.

As for Kierzkowski, she felt that sectionals was the highlight of the season, where she broke two records, and the team broke the school and state record.

Karen Rendina

Gymnastics 12-0

	MHS	OPP
Lowell	99.6	70.3
Michigan City Rogers	92.15	0
Michigan City Elston	98.05	0
Hobart	102.5	35.75
Laporte	106.35	66.75
Portage	98.1	9.65
Crown Point	99.2	98.15
Chesterton	101.6	100.4
Valparaiso	101.35	98.6
Highland	104.3	101.0
Munster	101.45	56.45



Girls Gymnastic Team — Front Row: Denise Darkins, Sarah McAnally, Jeanine Kierzkowski, Suzie Norris, Karen Dudak, Lisa Funder, Robin Owen. **Second Row:** Michelle Mokol, captain Nancy Gress. **Back Row:** Katie Lecer, Shawna Eberle, Stacy Plesha, manager Frank Primich, Michelle Dzyacky, Coach Bill Roberts, Coach Diane Roberts, Karen Kasprzak, manager Nick Bravos, Wendy Trcxel, Patty Ornelas.

Performing during a meet, Sarah McAnally, junior, concentrates on completing her uneven bar routine.

Burke, Judge set new records

The 1983 boys track team had another great season. The team was powered by fantastic senior leadership and lower classmen depth. In dual meets, the Pirates finished 6-2 and second in the Duneland Conference.

Leadership from Mike Judge and Frank Burke, seniors, played an important part in the field events. Judge commented, "I'm right on schedule as far as I'm throwing."

Also, the two seniors set state records in their events as Judge tossed the shot 59'10" at Griffith as well as Burke vaulted an outstanding 15'5".

Coach Lafey Armontrout said, "It's a very good team and after all the points, we graduated last spring, we did exceptionally well." Speedsters such as Willie Morris, senior, and hurdlers Brian Curcio, junior, flared the track with their speed. Depth on the team is no problem due to the fact the Pirates will be led next year by fieldmen including Sean Doherty, junior, and Neil Eubank, sophomore. The team will not lose the good speed from the legs of Tony Haines, Brian Curcio, Mark Dimitri and Carl Tully, juniors.

Don Engle

All three Pirates, Fred Sommers, freshman, and Bill Benjamin and Willie Morris, seniors, get off to a good start against Hobart.



Hurling the shot put into the air, Sean Dougherty, junior, takes aim.



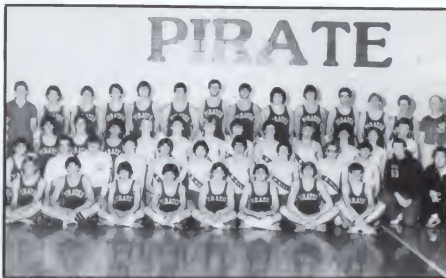
Track



Bending his body, Dennis Gladdis, junior, leans over the bar in the high jump.

Track 6-1	MHS OPP
Bloom Trail	7th
Griffith	1st
M.C. Rogers	91 36
G. Roosevelt/Calumet, H. Clark	2nd
Portage	67 60
Chesterton	61 66
Valparaiso	69 58
Andean	92 35
Hobart Little 5	1st
LaPorte	99 28
Chesterton Relays	1st
Hobart	95 32
Griffith Relays	1st
Duneland Conference	2nd
Delphi Relays	2nd
Mansfield Relays	7th

Taking the lead against Hobart, Mike Meade, senior, charges over the hurdles.



Track Team — Front Row: Fred Summers, Rich Layman, Chris Wieser, Dan Bellovary, Carl Tully, Mark Dimitri, Ron Holbrook, Don Rodgers. **Second Row:** Mike Macchia, Ed Yonker, Dan Gojmerac, Darren DeBo, David Kierzkowski, Mike Takis, Ron Maihofer, Doug Lind, Chris Miller, John Yakubec, Coach Jim East, Coach Jim Belanger. **Third Row:** Willie Morris, Bill Benjamin, Fernando Martinez, Dan Steininger, Dean Ott, Larry Kacmar, Alex Stefoski, Dave Megquier, Jon Rhodes, Rod Gayda, Paul Kasprzak, Paul VanSimaey. **Back Row:** Greg Schuster, Dan Roszkowski, Brian Curcio, Rich Hernandez, Mike Judge, Sean Dougherty, Mike Meade, Frank Burke, Neil Eubank, Tony Haines, Chris Massa, Dennis Gladdis, Jeff Snemis, Coach Lafey Armontrout.

Track Team — Front Row: Janet Jason, Robin Sanko, Sonya Hythe, Chris Daniel, Chris Braun, Cindy Lamfalusi. **Second Row:** Kelly Ellch, Michelle Dzyacky, Sherri Modrak, Karen Johnson, Kris Rettig, Kim Scholz. **Third Row:** Chris Reynolds, Karen Wampler, Michelle Sicula, Amy Giordano, Janet Stewart, Carol Stanick. **Fourth Row:** Anne Elliott, Laura Vrtkapa, Dee Dee Knop, Denise Rodgers, Diane Metcalf, Liz Martinez, Coach Jim Moody. **Back Row:** Robin Benson, Ana Lopez, Coach Jack Neulip, Coach Betsy Bosch, Stacy Plesha, Cathy Crowder, Karen Ector.



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Using great form, Sherri Modrak, senior, extends over the hurdle and wins another first place.

With a look of determination Karyn Wampler, senior, starts the first leg of the relay.

Track

Female tracksters finish undefeated

While many of the students are rushing to get home and out of the cold and snow, the girls' track team is just beginning their practices for the spring season. Michelle Dzyacky, senior, commented, "You have to be extremely devoted and a little crazy to run in snow and freezing rain, but it's worth it!"

It takes an enormous amount of dedication and commitment to be on the girl's track team. "You have to be willing to give 100 percent not only at the meets, but also at

practice. It's not the quantity that counts it's the quality," stated Karyn Wampler, senior.

The girls seemed to have proved that this year. Their record before sectionals was 17-0. Then it was sectionals and the girls easily carried off the sectional trophy.

Having a coach like Jim Moody has been great help. "He never missed a practice, and he was very committed to our track team," replied Wampler. "At practice he gave us little talks and helped us learn how to handle

different meet situations," said Dzyacky. Dzyacky broke the state record in the high jump this year.

Dzyacky and Wampler both agree that the West Side meet was the turning point of the season. West Side was last year's State Champs, and after beating them in a dual meet 58-47, the girls breezed through the rest of the season.

Karen Rendina

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Girl's Track

	MHS	OPP
Lake Central	48	44
Portage	73	32
Chesterton	71	34
West Side	57	48
Wirt	84	25
Lake Station		23
Andrean	80	25
Munster	71	35
Gavit		28
LaPorte	85	20
Michigan City Rogers	89	16
Lake Central	71	34
Hobart	69	36
Valparaiso	73	32
Conference	1st	
Lew Wallace	81	24

Caught in mid-air, Michelle Dzyacky, senior, shows her winning long jump form.

Sectional victory highlights varsity season

Friday the 13th is unlucky for some but, for Coach Bill Metcalf it proved to be quite lucky. Coach Metcalf won his 400th career victory by crushing Crown Point 10-0. This is Coach Metcalf's 28th season coaching baseball at MHS.

According to Coach Metcalf his 1981 team was the best. They made it all the way to semi-state. "This team was very powerful and talented," he added, "This year's team is not quite as powerful or

talented."

Also, Coach Metcalf stated, "A good team must play well one week, and come back the next week and play just as well." This year's team needed to concentrate more and perform more consistently.

Merrillville's toughest opponent was LaPorte. Unfortunately, the Pirates came up short both times against the Slicers.

Gene Guernsey, senior, led the team with a batting average of .350.

Taking charge of the homerun department was Steve Smith, senior, with five winners. Smith also led the stolen base category with 18. Speedy Jeff Howard, junior, led the team with three triples.

The pitching duel of Mark Qualizza and Nick Bumbales, seniors, produced very steadily. Peter G. Nonos, senior, added some hitting power to the Pirate line-up.

Lenny Schmidt, Don Engle



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Mark Qualizza, senior, concentrates on throwing a strike.

Against Valpo, Rob Zolcak, junior, dives back to the base in an attempted pick-off.



Baseball



Pete Nonos, senior, holds the LaPorte runner to the bag, however, Slicers won 0-11.

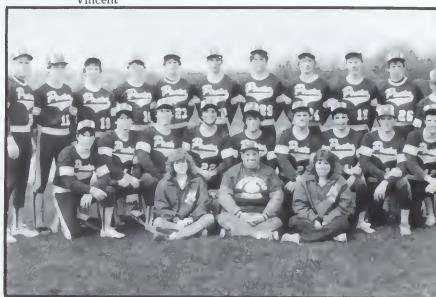
Baseball 19-8

	MHS	OPP
E.C. Washington	10	0
Hammond High	7	1
Calumet	10	0
Lowell	6	1
Andrean	16	1
	6	3
	3	9
Horace Mann	12	2
Valparaiso	4	3
Hobart	7	2
LaPorte	0	11
Chesterton	0	1
M.C. Rogers	0	6
Portage	2	1
Gary Roosevelt	4	3
Crown Point	10	0
Valparaiso	12	0
Hobart	2	0
LaPorte	2	9
Chesterton	1	5
M.C. Rogers	3	4
Portage	0	1
Hammond Clark	5	6
	9	2
Whiting	5	1
West Side	13	4
Munster	13	5

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Baseball Team — Front Row: L. Carpenter, mgr., G. Conn, mgr., C. Erwin, mgr. **Second Row:** R. Zolcak, J. Howard, L. Spiru, P. Nonos, C. Rose, T. D'Asto, N. Bumbales, S. Smith, K. Haupt. **Back Row:** Coach Bill Metcalf, T. Riese, S. Jenks, R. Govert, J. Bardeson, G. Guernsey, C. Kosac, J. Soberieski, M. Qualizza, S. Wilczynski, Asst. Coach Kierzkowski.

Gene Guernsey, senior, rounds third and heads for home to score another Pirate run.



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	Soccer 11-5	MHS	OPP
Munster	1	6	
Portage	2	3	
Wirt	4	1	
Hammond	6	1	
Andrean	1	0	
Michigan City Marquette	3	0	
Bishop Noll	5	3	
Lake Central	6	1	
Highland	5	1	
Portage	3	4	
Munster	0	3	
Morton	0	1	
Wirt	4	1	
Andrean	4	2	
East Chicago Roosevelt	4	1	
Highland	2	2	
Lake Central	6	0	

With a look of determination on her face, Debbie Trzaska, junior, unleashes a powerful pitch.

Dribbling the ball and getting ready to feint the man to set up for a shot is Branko Jovic, junior, as teammate Scott Beamon, senior, looks on.



Soccer

Newest teams complete winning seasons

In the past few years, soccer has been a growing sport at MHS. The team has been coached by Drew Furuness since soccer was brought to MHS 4 years ago. "Coach Furuness tries to work out any problems we have, whether it be in soccer or in academics. He is not just a great coach, but also a great friend," replied Sava Micic, sophomore.

"To be a good soccer player, you must be in excellent shape and also have good mental awareness," commented Mike Pearson, senior. The boys soccer team had both of these qualities.

"Our team set many goals this year," replied Branko Jovic, junior, "some of them were to have a better record than last year, to improve individually as much as possible, and to push ourselves as far as we could in playoffs."

The team proved they could meet

their goals by finishing their season with an 11-5-1 record. Then it was on to playoffs where the team gave it their all for a final score of 1-0.

Micic and Jovic agreed that the highlight of the season was winning seven straight games in a row after losing to Portage 3-2 in a downpour.

As for Pearson, he felt that the highlight of the season was beating Andean 4-2 after being down in the first half 2-0.

Like other girl's teams, the softball team is quickly rising in popularity and quality at MHS. Even though the program only started three years ago, Coach Joe Starkey has had more than just three years experience. In addition to coaching at MHS, he also has played on summer teams and attended softball camps at Ball State and Indiana University. Helping out Coach Starkey was Pat Mulloy. He coached the JV team.

There are many things needed to

be a good softball player. Most of them simply deal with the attitude. As Karen Huber, senior, said, "It's an incentive to give 101 per cent at every practice and at every game." Cheri Vermillion, senior, also added, "It's the willingness to improve your skills."

The team's strengths include a good pitching staff and a strong defense. Pitchers Debbie Trzaska, junior, and Candy Rathjen, freshman, combined for three shutouts and three one-hitters. These strengths helped the team to a 15-2 record, with wins against M.C. Rogers and South Bend St. Joe, not to mention Mishawaka. "The Mishawaka game was the highlight of the season," commented Vermillion. This team beat MHS last year. Huber added, "The win was very exciting."

Karen Rendina, Karyn Palvas



Softball
15-2

	MHS	OPP
Flossmore	12	13
Bloom Trail	5	4
S.B. Washington	11	1
T.F. North	11	2
Crete-Mone	6	5
Rich East	12	0
	15	2
Marquette	10	0
Michigan City Rogers	4	1
St. Joseph	5	6
Hammond Gavit	10	0
Portage	10	1
Hammond Morton	5	2
Mishawaka	5	2
Marquette	16	0
Michigan City Rogers	7	1
Portage	10	2

Soccer Team — Front Row: Kevin Hamer, Mike Pearson, Bob Gasich, Bronko Jasnic, Tom Gailias, George Mayros, Tom Padadopoulos. **Second Row:** Mike Sakaleros, Alex Panticic, Sava Micic, Paul Lozanoski, Craig, Wood, Scott Beamon, Pete Metlov, Coach Drew Furuness. **Back Row:** Rod Petrovich, Jan Minners, Branko Jovic.

Softball Team — Front Row: Liz Wardell, Candy Rathjen, Cheri Vermillion, Karen Huber, Christie Lynn. **Second Row:** Gigi Vergin, Cathy Hicks, Patty McNally, Debbie Trzaska. **Back Row:** Coach Joe Starkey, Assistant Coach Pat Mulloy, Sandy Manis, April Jurasevich, Shelley Kuzemka, Cheryl Graeber, Jill Pierce, scorekeeper.

New rules affect team's performance

Most people agree that tennis is a fun sport, including the girls on the MHS tennis team. But these girls also know that good tennis doesn't come easy and that a lot of dedication is needed to excel.

The girls started their conditioning in late February to prepare for their long season. Cold weather and rain, or even snow, kept them from actually getting out on the courts until mid-March. Sue Long, senior, commented, "It's been cold before, but this year was the first time it actually started to snow during practice."

The bad weather didn't get the team down in spirits, though. They practiced every day from 3 to 5:30 p.m. With five returning lettermen, the team came out tough. Many JV'ers from last year also excelled to varsity. The team consisted of many talented and also young members. Out of fifteen girls, all but three

were underclassmen.

Last year, the team played five singles and two doubles positions. Unfortunately a change in IHSAA rules changed the lineup to three singles and two doubles. Coach Joe Ameling stated, "It's a shame that all of our talent can't be used at once. There are many good singles players, but rules permit me to only use three. We would have really been tough at five and two this year."

Qualities of a tennis player include talent and dedication, but most

important of all, a positive mental attitude. Coach Ameling commented, "If you think you can win, you have a good chance of doing so. Most of the time in tennis, it's a matter of the right frame of mind rather than the actual ability being challenged."

The team ended up with a 7-9 record. Kara East, freshman, said, "You meet a lot of different style players in team competition. I'm looking forward to next year."

Karyn Palvas

Girls Tennis
7-9

	MHS	OPP
Crown Point	0	4
Lowell	5	0
Lake Central	2	3
Bishop Noll	3	2
Wheeler	3	2
Hammond Gavit	5	0
Lake Station	5	0
LaPorte	0	5
Valparaiso	0	5
Portage	0	5
Munster	1	4
Chesterton	5	0
Highland	4	1
Hobart	2	3
Calumet	0	5
M.C. Rogers	2	3

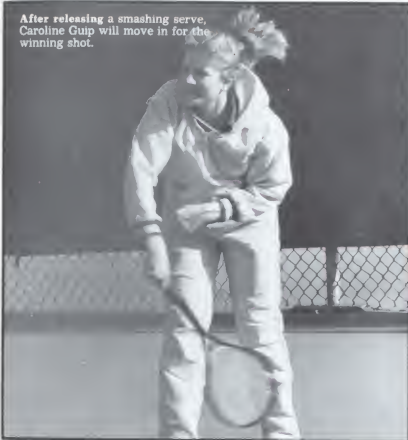
With her eye on the ball, Lana Pantelic, sophomore, prepares for a backhand.



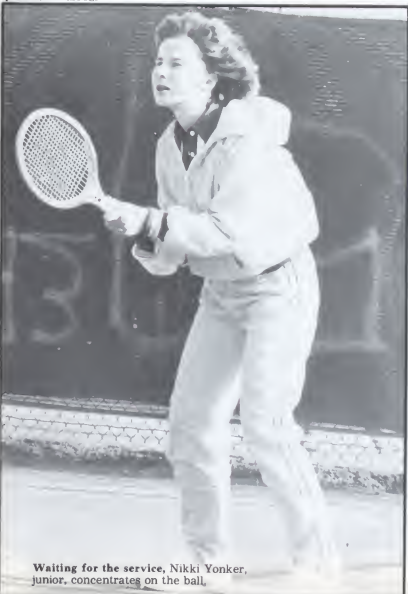
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Tennis

After releasing a smashing serve, Caroline Guip will move in for the winning shot.



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Waiting for the service, Nikki Yonker, junior, concentrates on the ball.



Varsity Tennis — Front Row: Caroline Guip, Kara East, Karyn Palvas, Jill Pennock. Back Row: Lana Pantelic, Nikki Yonker, Coach Joe Ameling, Sue Long.

Junior Varsity Tennis — Front Row: Lisa Primer, Sue Kozak, Pam Sawotchka, Karen Haraburdo. Back Row: Coach Joe Ameling, Dawn Nicolich, Marla Kaser, Carol Soltis.

MHS golfers 'do it to a tee' with all underclassmen

Rebuilding was the name of the game for the 1983 golf team. The team consisted of all underclassmen.

The Merrillville golf team's home course is Summer Tree.

The number one man was Rudy Mihelic, junior, number two was Steve Ramusack, sophomore, number three was Neil Miller, junior, number four was Rick Renner, junior, and number five was Tom Lipton, sophomore.

According to Max Hutchison, "The team is very hard working. Also,

next year they will be greatly improved."

MHS toughest opponent this year was Portage. Portage is very consistant and tough at their home course Robinhurst.

The teams best outing was a 162 against Michigan City. According to Lipton, "Overall the team needs to improve on dumb mistakes, and poor shots. We have the talent; however, we just cannot score consistently."

Lenny Schmidt



Steve Ramusack, sophomore, follows through after hitting a nice shot.

Golf Team — Front Row: Tom Lipton, Rudy Mihelic, Neil Miller. **Back Row:** Rick Renner, Steve Ramusack, Coach Max Hutchison, Tom Wiles.

Concentrating hard, Rudy Mihelic, junior, watches the ball as he putts his shot.



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Kevin Mowery, freshman, eyes the ball as he begins to make contact.

Golf 10-9	MHS	OPP
Munster	170	162
Valparaiso	167	164
Portage	170	152
M.C. Rogers	172	173
LaPorte	180	178
Chesterton/Highland	174	179
		168
Andean	173	181
M.C. Rogers	170	177
Hobart	168	172
Crown Point	166	179
Highland Invitational	6th	
Homestead Invitational	9th	
Valparaiso	170	168
Portage	166	162
Hobart	162	167
LaPorte	171	165
Chesterton	162	179
M.C. Rogers	166	162
Crown Point	170	173
Lowell	170	189

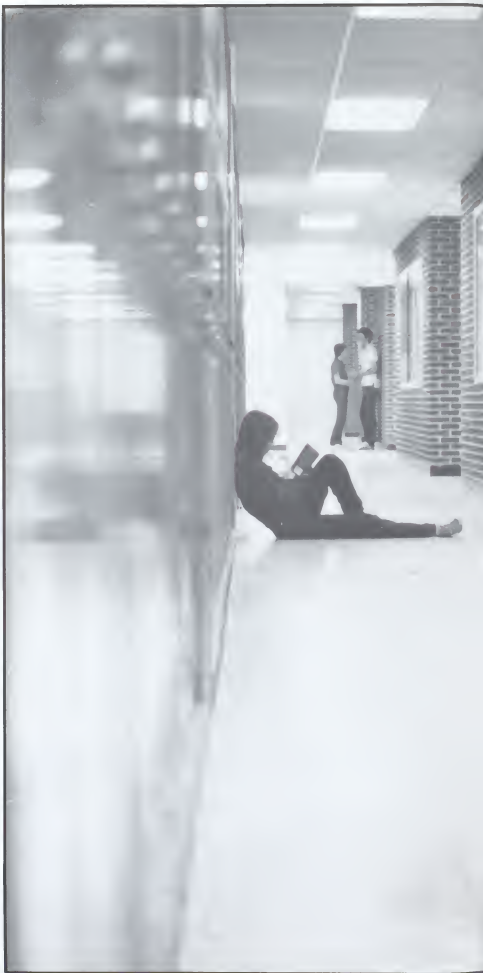


Hitting out of the rough, Rick Renner, junior, attempts to give himself a better lie.

Chris Froman and Kathy Woods, sophomores
rehearse together for the Christmas play
called "Scrooge."



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People:

The students at MHS became more like "one" this year. Operation pride played an important part in making it possible. With the Big Brother and Big Sister Club, the sophomores did not feel so alone at MHS. "My big sister, Chris Franz, helped me a lot in the beginning of the year. I know she's there if I ever need help," said Natalie Coyle, sophomore.

Student Council has been working hard throughout the year to provide many dances for all students to participate. Dances are a good place to go if you want to boogie," said Sandy Metros, senior.

Students meet together in the halls. The sophomores, juniors and

seniors all have their own halls to gather in the morning. "In the mornings, I like to stand with friends by our lockers so we can exchange all the gossip from the night before and copy homework that's due that day," said Paula Vessely, senior.

After school, some students get together outside the gym in the back of the school. These people usually drive to school and talk and joke around before leaving school. Other people wait by the office for their busses. Sharin Pigott and Angie Traficante, sophomores, said, "We think we'll be best friends all through high school."



Another school day begins as buses unload reminding students it's just another day at MHS.

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After school, a student takes time to read over tomorrow's assignment while others take time to meet one another.

**“Senior year is
a once in a lifetime
experience. A time to
achieve
past goals and strive
for future ones.” —
Casey Carrabine**

The Senior Class officers are Casey Carrabine, President; Karyn Palvas, Treasurer; Anne Marie Guba, Secretary; Mike Sakaleros, Vice-President.



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Darin Abernathy — Track 9; Soccer 9; Mirror 11, 12. **Rachel Abramson** — Student Council 10; Honor Society 11, 12; Velveteens 11; choir 10, 11, 12; Thespians 10, 11, 12. **Amy Absher** — Tennis 10, 11, 12; powder puff 10, 11; M-club 12. **Merrillvue 12**; Junior Class president. **Thomas Adams** — Cross Country 10; Baseball 10; Tennis 11, 12; Honor Society 12.



Timothy Adler — Track 9; Football 10; Wrestling 10. **Jeffrey Ahrens** — Football 9, 10; Soccer 11, 12. **Frank Albrecht**. **Linda Allen**.



Judi Amaya — Softball 10; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Basketball 9; Student Council 11. **Angela Andreatos** — French Club 10; President 11, 12; Honor Society 11; Vice President 12; Quill and Scroll 12; Student Council 12; choir 10; **Merrillvue 12**. **Michael Andreis**. **Robert Andrews**.





Theresa Andrews — Merrillvue 11. **Joe Atredondo** — Baseball 9; Tennis 9, 10, 11, 12; Swimming 9, 10, 11, 12; M-club 10, 11, 12; Spanish Club 12; Spanish Honorary 12; **Mirror** 12; Quill and Scroll 12. **Donna Badar** — Girls Gee 10; Concert Choir 11. **Lisa Baisden** — French Club 10, 11; Prom Committee 11.

John Balas — Football 9. **Joseph Bardeson** — Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball 9. **Kelly Bartley** — Powder Puff 12; Pep Club 12; Merrillvue 11, 12. **Melissa Beach**.

Scott Beamon — Soccer 10, 11, 12. **Robert Beck** — Football 9; Swimming 9, 10, 11, 12; M-Club 12. **Kathleen Beckham** — Softball 10; Volleyball 10; Powder Puff 11, 12; Pep Club 10, 11, 12; Merrillvue 11, 12; Pep Club secretary 11. **Allen Beeler**.

Jeffrey Beier. **Scott Bellamy**. **Joseph Bellovary**. **William Benjamin** — Track 10, 11, 12; Cross Country 12.

Deborah Bennett — Powder Puff 10, 11, 12. **Ruth Betz**. **Danielle Beverly** — Powder Puff 10, 11, 12. **Beth Bianco** — Powder Puff 10; Spanish Club 10, 11; Student Council 12; Pep Club 11, 12; Merrillvue 12; Prom Committee 11; Junior Class vice-president.

Dave Bigelow — Swimming 9. **George Bikos**. **Lynne Billens**. **Ted Bilski**.



Ken Binns. **Denise Birchall** — Volleyball 10; Spanish Club 10. **Colleen Blair** — Flag Corps 10, 11, Captain 12; French Club 10, 11; Band 10, 11, 12. **Wendy Blankenship** — FEA 10, 11, 12; French Club 11; Quest club 11, 12.



Angie Blinn. **Brenda Boyd** — Basketball 9, 10, 11, manager 12; Volleyball 9, 10, manager 11; Powder Puff 10; Sunshine Society 11, vice-president 12; FHA 12. **Eric Brandt** — Spanish Club 10. **Tim Brant** — Choir 10, 11, 12.



Nick Bravos — Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball 9; Gymnastics Mgr. 11, 12. **Edward Brizendine** — Cross Country 9, 10, 11, 12; Track 9, 10, 11; National Honor Society 10, 11; President 12; German Club 10, Treasurer 11; Student Council 12; Band 10, 11, 12. **Jeff Brown** — Tennis 11; Soccer 11; Football Stats. 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball Stats. 12; German Club 11; National Honor Society 11, 12. **Sharon Brown** — French Club 10, 11; Prom Committee 11.



Ellen Brownnewell — Powder Puff 10, 12; "Auntie Mame" 11. **Bob Budner** — Track 9, 10; Cross Country 9. **Dave Bulger**. **Nick Burkur**.

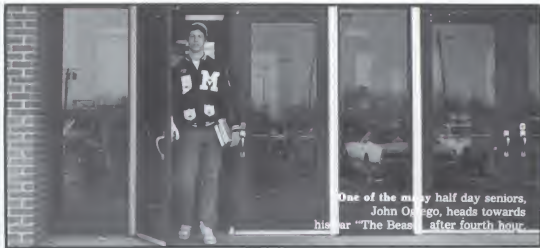


Seniors earn half-day privileges, freedom

Going to work, watching soap operas, eating and just plain enjoying the afternoon. These are all activities enjoyed by MHS half-day seniors.

Kathy Kouvakas and Scot Manoski, seniors, both worked during their afternoons away from school. "I would like to save so that I can go on to good business school," said Kouvakas. Manoski said he enjoys the benefits of extra spending money. He said the extra money gives him "independence and freedom of choice for what to do on the weekends."

In order to go to school for only a half a day, your parents must give written approval and your guidance counselor must approve. "The number of half-day seniors is going down," according to Sherman Lewis, director of guidance. "There are more and more full day students every year," he said.



Bianco

Still other half-day seniors enjoyed just "bumming around" like going out to lunch, catching up on sleep (lost from late weekends), shopping and watching favorite soaps.

Seniors choosing to go a half-day

are either dismissed immediately following third hour at 11:01, just in time to catch all of ABC's hot soaps, or depending on their own teachers lunch hour, seniors going four hours can be dismissed at 12:05 or 12:35.



Nicholas Bumbales — Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12; Football Trainer 11, 12; Basketball Mgr. 9, 10, trainer 11, 12; Cross Country 9; Hoosier Boys State Alternate 12; Pep Rally MC. **Tracy Buncich** — Pon Poms 10, 11, 12; Fast Break Club 12. **Steven Bunnell** — Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball 9, 10; Baseball 9, 10; Track 9. **Frank Burke** — Track 9, 10, 11, 12; German Club 10, 11, 12.



Maria Cammarata — French Club 10; Choir 10; Velvetens Secretary 11. **Kelly Caravana** — Volleyball 9; Basketball 9; Tennis 9, 10; Powder Puff 12; Spanish Club 10. **Shawn Carlotta**, **Diana Carlson** — Basketball 10, 1, 12; Volleyball 10, 11, 12; FBA Vice President 12.



Lisa Carnegie — Diving 9; Gymnastics 9, 10; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Band 10; Flag Corps 10, 11; French Club 10, 11. **Casey Carrabine** — Football 9, 10; Basketball 9, 10, 11, Captain 12; Baseball 9, 10; Track 9; Student Council 12; Senior Class President; Pep Club 10; National Honor Society 11, 12. **Charles Carroll**, **Lisa Catenazzo** — Powder Puff 10; Merrilvue 10.

Michael Cates, Diane Chestovich, Frank Chew, Daniel Christy.



Lauren Cidulka — Powder Puff 12.
Pollyanna Cimbalevich — Quest Secretary 11, 12; FEA 12; Student Council 10, 11; Powder Puff 10; German Club 10, 11; Prom Committee 11; Junior Class secretary. **Richard Cloni, Annette Clochina** — Track 10, 11; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12.



Julia Clapp — French Club 10; Band 10, 11, 12; Flag Corps 10; Pep Band 11.
Douglas Cochran — Baseball 9; Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Wrestling 9, 10, 11. **Cathy Collins, Fernando Colon.**



**"It felt different.
 I didn't mind
 dressing
 up because it was
 Homecoming, and I
 felt proud. It only
 comes once a year,
 and it shows I
 have spirit." —
 Brian Petrovich**





Phil Comerford — Football 9, 10; Track 9, 10, 11. **Denise Consorti**, **Steve Cook** — Football 9, 10; Basketball 9, 10. **Stacy Costidakis** — Basketball 9; Pom Pons 11, 12; Track 10; Powder Puff 10; Student Council 11.



Richard Covacu, **Rhonda Craig**, **Mike Crist**, **Debbie Crozier**.



Laren Davidhizar — Choir 10, 12. **Jennifer Demmon**, **Joe Demo**, **Steve DeReu**.



Jamie Desatnick — Pom Pons 10, 11, Captain 12; French Club 10; Pep Club 10; M-Club 12; Merrillvue 12. **Robert De St. Jean**, **Patricia Dewar** — Powder Puff 12; Choir 10; Spanish Club 10. **Kathy Dian**.



Ina Dillon — Basketball 9. **Tim Dietrich**, **Tom Dobrowski** — Baseball 9; Football 9; Wrestling 9, 10, 11, 12. **Patricia Dolch**.

Seniors cruise down Broadway on weekends

In the beginning there was Broadway. Then came the cars, the endless faces, whistles, screeching tires and roaring engines. This was the thrill of cruising Broadway.

How could you forget those nights with your one and only love, and your second love shows up. What can you do but stand there and look pretty while your date for the night gets brutally beat up by your six-foot tall, jealous boyfriend. According to Karin Teller, senior, "It won't be the first time and it most definitely won't be the last."

Or do you look at it as the times you and your two most craziest friends went out from a boring night at home to the amusing action at Broadway. That was the night you thought you were cool and told the

guys behind you to follow you (and they sure did) all the way home, including up your driveway where there your parents were waiting. Mary Wolan, senior, said, "Then you ended up staying home a few weekends. But the worst part of it all was that you got some strange guys calling you now."

It still remained a question, where do we all get the money for gas to cruise? Carole Gee, senior, felt that she works for the weekend. "After a hard week at work, it is great to be able to get out and just unwind and look for mega men," added Gee.

Broadway could be a waste of time, money and gas, but it will always be a place for memories and excitement.

Lori Rimer

John Doolin — Football 10, 11, **Eric Dornburg** — Swimming 9, 10, 11, 12; **M-Club**, 11, 12, **MaryEllen Doty** — Girls Glee 10; Concert Choir 11, **Susan Dreyovich**.



Suzy Duffy — Powder Puff 11, 12, **Ysbell Duran** — Powder Puff 12; **Spanish Club** 12, **Michael DuVall**, **Mary Dyman** — Swimming 9, 10, Captain 11; Captain 12; Track 10; **M-Club** 10, 11, 12; **Hoolier Girls State** 11.



Marty Dzik, **Michelle Dzyacky** — Gymnastics 9, 10, 11, Captain 12; Track 9, 10, 11, 12; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Quest 12; **M-Club** 10, 11, Treasurer 12; French Club 10, 11, 12; **Pep Club** 11, 12, **Deborah Edwards** — Track 9, 10; Powder Puff 10, 12; **Scott Edwards**.





Marsha Eich, Scott Elliott — Swimming 9, 10, 11, 12; Cross Country 9, 10; Orchestra 10, 11, 12; M-Club 12. **Don Engle, Carol Ensaiaco** — German Club Historian 10, 11, President 12; Science Club Treasurer 10, President 11, 12; Creative Arts Club historian 12.

Jill Enzwiler — Powder Puff 11, National Spanish Honary, Spanish Club 11, vice-president 12; Creative Arts Club 12. **Troy Escott, Michelle Eubank, Amie Evans** — Powder puff 10, 11, 12; Choir 10, 11, 12; Velveteen 11.

Connie Evans — Velveteens President 12; Choir 9, 10, 11; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Swimming 9. **Paul Fabian, Adam Fabrici** — Golf 9; French Club 10, 11; Band 10, 11, 12; National Honor Society 11, 12. **John Feducia**.

Dave Fehlberg, Diane Flalkowski — Volleyball 9; German Club 10. **Danielle Flife, Debra Flisk** — Spanish Club 11, President 12; National Spanish Honor; National Honor Society 11, 12; FEA 12.

Theodora Fitusis, Sara Fogle — Sunshine Society 12. **Susan Foremski** — Choir 10, 11; Student Council 10, 11; **Merrillivue** 11; Prom Court; Pom Pons 10, 11, Captain 12; Powder Puff 10. **Becky Forsythe**.

Gary Fossey — Wrestling 9; **Gayle Frantal** — Choir 10; **Renee Franz** — Volleyball 9, 10, 11; Basketball 9, 10; Softball 10; French Club 10, 11, 12; M-Club 11, 12; Pep Club 10, 11, 12; **Patrick Frey** — Football 9, 10; Wrestling 11; Track 9, 10.



Donald Froman, **Susan Fryer** — Softball 10; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; **Jeannee Galovic**, **Pauline Gard**.



David Garza, **Lawrell Gasich** — Spanish Club 12, Sunshine Club 12; **Velma Garza**, **Gary Gatlin** — Football 10, 11, 12; Wrestling 9; Track 11.



Laura Gavelek — Merrillvue 12; **Carole Gee**, **Robert Gee**, **Lisa Geeze**.



Tom Geeze, **Joanne George** — Pom Pons 10, 11, 12; Spanish Club 12; **Peter Georgeon**, **Catherine Geske** — National Honor Society 11, 12; FEA. 11; Student Council 10, 11; Vocalteens 11; vice president 12; Quest Club 12; Thespians 11, 12; NISBOVA 10; ISHMA 11, 12.





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“Cap and gown measurements are an early sign to high school graduation.” — Mike Magiera



Jon Giacomini — Football 9, 10, 11, co-captain 12; Wrestling 10; Track 9; M-Club 10, 11, 12; National Honor Society 11, 12. **Garrett Glatt** — Cross Country 11, 12; Track 9; Wrestling 9. **Dennis Gilbert. Margaret Gill.**



Margaret Glorioso — Student Council 10; Spanish Club 10; National Honor Society 11, 12; FEA 12; Band treasurer 10, 11, 12; Pep Band 10, 11; Orchestra 10, 11. **Jennifer Golightly. Cory Golkowski** — Wrestling 9; Football 10. **Donna Goodson.**



Sandra Grant — Volleyball 9; Basketball 9; Powder Puff 10; FEA 10, 11, secretary 12; Thespians 11, 12; Girls Glee 10; Concert Choir 11, 12; Velveteens 11; Vocalteens secretary, treasurer 12; Pep Club 11, 12; Singing Pirates 12. **Tuesday Grant** — Powder Puff 12; Swimming 10; Homecoming Queen 12. **Ron Gray** — Wrestling 9, 10; Football 9, 11; Pep Club 10, 11; Cheerleader 11, 12; Vocalteens 11; Singing Pirates 12, Merrillvius 12; Student Council 11, 12; Quest Club 12. **Natalie Greer** — Track 9; FHA 12; Spanish Club 10.

Glenda Gress — Thespians 12. **Mike Griffia. Anne Marie Guba** — Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Student Council 11, vice president 12; Pep Club 12; Fast Break Club 12; Senior Class secretary. **Gene Guernsey** — Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12; Spanish Club 12; Spanish National Honorary 12.



Javier Guerrero — Football 10; Baseball 10, 11, 12; Band 10, 11, 12; Pep Band 10, 11, 12. **Jerry Gutjahr. Svetlana Haleva. Deanna Hall** — Basketball 9; Sunshine Club 11; Quest Club 11.



Richard Haller. Carrie Hamilton. Gary Hamilton — Building Trades 11, 12. **Lisa Hamilton.**



Larry Harker — Football 9; Wrestling 9. **John Harper** — Track 9; A.V. Club 10; President 11, 12; Thespians 10, 11, 12. **Kim Harper** — Powder Puff 10. **Teresa Havens.**



Laszlo Hertelendy. Cathy Hicks — Volleyball 9; Basketball 10, 11; Softball 11, 12; FEA 12. **Sam Higgason. Tracy Higgins** — Basketball 9; Powder Puff 11, 12; Spanish Club 10, 11, president 12; National Spanish Honorary 12; National Honor Society 12.



Greg Hirjak, Ronald Holbrook — Track 9, 10, 11, 12; Cross Country 9, 10, 11, 12; M-Club 11. **Craig Holodick, Renee Hopper.**



Robert Horan, Dennis Horn, Monica Houchin — Band 10, 11, 12; Flag Corps 11, 12; French Club 10, vice president 11, secretary 12; Thespians 10, 11, 12; Pep Band 10, 11. **Mark Howe** — Tennis 10, 11; Soccer 11, 12; National Honor Society 12.



Teresa Hoyt, Karen Huber — Softball 10, 11, 12; Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12; M-Club 11, 12; National Honor Society 12; Choir 10, 11. **Donald Hudock** — Spanish 10, 11. **Thomas Jamrok.**



"My parents gave me so much support all through my high school career. They were always behind me when I needed them. When we won sectionals and played in regionals, I was so happy to be able to share that with my parents." — Gene Guernsey



Troy Jansen — Wrestling 9, 10, 11.
David Jaroschak, Tammy Jelenek —
 Swimming 9, 10; French Club 10; FEA
 12; Pep Club 12; Singing Pirates 12;
 Choir President 10; Velveteens Vice-
 President 11, 12; Revue Committee 10,
 11. **Lori Jelesky** — Cheerleading 12;
 Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Student Council
 11, President 12; Band 10, 11; Pep Club
 11, 12; M-Club 12; Quest Club 12.

**John Jensen, Conrad Jimenez, Dan
 Johnson** — German Club 10, 11, 12;
 Band 10, 11, 12; National Honor Society
 11, 12. **James Johnson** — National
 Honor Society 11, 12.

Judith Johnsen — Powder Puff 10, 11,
 12; Cheerleading 10; Pep Club 12. **Mark
 Johnson** — Basketball 9. **Merry Johnson,**
Deloris Jones — Sunshine Society 12.



Donald Jones — Wrestling 9, 10. **Troy
 Jones, Mira Jovanovich, Mike Judge** —
 Baseball 9; Basketball 9, 10; Football 9,
 10, 11, 12; Track 9, 10, 11, 12.



**Christopher Kakouris, Carol Kapitan,
 Irene Karaleftheres, JoAnn
 Karamacoski.**





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"The faculty and administration don't know a good sign when they see one."
— Rudy Lekar, Mike Thomas and Steve Nicholich



Leanne Karrie, Steven Kaschak, Harry Kavadas, Dawn Kendron — Basketball 9; Volleyball 9.



Daniel Kendt, Linda Kerr, Mark Kezy, Linda King — Band 10, 11; Flag Corp 10, 11; Prom Court 11.



Louie Klimaszewski — Football 9, 10, Sophomore Class president; Dawn Knight, Edward Knopf, Ellen Kochendorfer — FHA 12.

E.T. 'finds home' at MHS

E.T., the Extra-Terrestrial, quickly became a household name. E.T. was that lovable little creature that captured every American heart.

E.T. came about as the result of mastermind writer/director Steven Spielberg. Spielberg rose to fame with a string of hit movies such as, "Close Encounters of the Third Kind", and "Raiders of the Lost Ark." Spielberg had never dreamed E.T. would be such a hit, but E.T. was the movie that put Spielberg among America's finest directors.

E.T. fit into the classic Hollywood mold of a boy and his dog. E.T., however, fit the mood of the 80's, with space-ships, far out planets and alien beings. E.T. was one alien being that no one could help but to fall in love with!

E.T. and his human friend Elliot took their audiences through moments of laughter and sorrow. E.T. was one of those movies where you laughed and

cried and laughed and cried, again!

"I laughed and cried; I thought it was great," said Sue Poturalski, junior.

"I thought it was great when they flew," said Billy Kostantios, senior.

When E.T. became a hit, many markets cashed in on the little creatures popularity. There were E.T. bubble gum cards, books, dolls, costumes and, of course, T-shirts. There were even T-shirts with E.T.'s classic line, "E.T. phone home," printed on them. Atari video company came out with an E.T. video game.

E.T.'s passion for "Reese's Pieces" increased the sales of the colored little candies. M & M's was offered that part in the movie, they, however, declined.

E.T. will be long remembered as a love story between a human little boy and an incredible little alien.

Lori Riddle

William Koen — Cheerleading 12; Wrestling 9, 10; Track 9; Spanish Club 11, 12; Pep Klub 11; treasurer 12; Thespians 10, 11, 12. **Tina Koenig** — Choir 10, 11. **Joe Koepke** — French Club 10, 11, 12; National Honor Society 11, 12. **Debbi Koonce** — Volleyball 9.



Bill Kostantios, **Marianne Kotso** — Powder Puff 10. **Kathy Kouvakas**, **Kim Koveck** — Powder Puff 10, 12; Pom Pons 11; **Merrillvue** 11, 12.



Mike Kraft, **Sue Krampen**, **Mary Krol** — Student Council 10, 11; French Club 10, secretary 11; National Honor Society 11, 12; Quill and Scroll 12. **Steve Krutz** — Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Baseball 9, 10.





Joy Kubacki — Softball; Volleyball 11.
Denny Kulage, **Debbie Kutanovski**,
Laura LaMarca — Basketball 9;
 Volleyball 9, 10, 11; Softball 10; Track 9;
 Band 10, 11, Officer 12; Orchestra 10, 11,
 12; Flag Corps 10, Captain 11, 12; FEA
 12; Thespians 12; National Honor Society
 11, 12; Powder Puff 12; **Mirror** 10, 12;
 Pep Club 10; Pep Band Student Director
 12. Quill and Scroll 11, 12.



Scott Lamb — Football 9, 10, **Tracy**
Lane, **Linda Laudani**, **Robert Laughhead**
 — **Mirror** 10, 11.



Jay Layman — Baseball 9; Basketball 9,
 10, 11, 12; M-Club President 12. **Kris**
Leaser, **Rudy LeKar** — Golf 9, 10, 11,
 12. **Deborah Lemke** — Powder Puff 10,
 11, 12; Student Council 12; Pep Club 12;
 Quest Club 12.



Robert Lennon, **Patrick Leonard**, **Kelly**
Lepp — Powder Puff 10; Track Stat. 10,
 11, 12; Wrestling Stat. 10, 11; French
 Club 10, 11; National Honor Society 11,
 Secretary 12. **Dawn Lisek** — Football
 Mgr. 10, 11, 12; Choir 10, 11, 12; FEA 11;
 French Club 11; "Good Bye My Fancy"
 cast; **Merrillvue** 12; M-Club 11, 12;
 Thespians 11.



Karen Lesniak — Swimming 9, 10, 11;
 co-captain 12; Track 10; M-Club 10, 11;
 Spanish 12. **Doug Lewan** — Swimming
 9, 10, 11, 12. **Linda Lewandowski** —
 Diving 9, 10, 11; Creative Arts Club 12;
 FEA 11, 12; Spanish Club 11, 12; Spanish
 Honorary 12; M-Club 11; Creative Arts
 Editor 12. **Kately Lewin**.

Lara Lewin, Gregory Lind — German Club 11, 12. **Susan Long** — Tennis 9, 10, 11, 12; Cheerleading 10, 11, 12; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; M-Club 10, 11, 12; **Merrillvue 12. Frank Lucas.**



Leslie Lucas — Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; **Merrillvue 12. Dawn Luebecke** — Volleyball 9, 10; Band 10, 11, 12. **Philip Lund. Kim Luygaarden** — Powder Puff 12.



Mark Machin. Lisa Mack — Softball 10, 11; Cheerleading 12; Basketball 9; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Student Council 11, 12; M-Club 12. **Denny Madera. Mike Magiera** — Football 9, 10; Baseball 10; Wrestling 10, 11, 12; M-Club 12.



**“It seemed like
I would never
make
it to my senior year
and government
class.
Now I’m here, and
I cannot wait to
get out” — Joe
Michael**



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Christina Malich — Thespians 10, treasurer 12; Sunshine Society 12; FEA 12; Spanish Club 9; French Club 10; Plays 10, 11, 12. **Tom Maloney**, **Niki Mangis** — Powder Puff 10; Spanish Club 10, 11, 12. **Sandy Manis** — Softball 10, 11, 12; Volleyball 10, 11, 12; Basketball 10, 11, 12.



Scott Mann — Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Wrestling 9, 10; Track 9. **Scott Manoski** — Wrestling 9; Football 9, 10; Baseball 9, 10. **Toni Marando** — Tennis 10, 11, 12; Volleyball 9; Band 10, 11, 12; Flag Corps 12; Spanish Club 10, 11; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Student Council 10. **Tina Marich**.



Mike Marino — Student Council 10, 11; Lights, Sound Crew 11, 12. **Bruce Markle** — Basketball 9, 10; Football 9. **Carla Marson** — Basketball 9, 10; Softball 10, 11; Honor Society 11, 12; Spanish Club 12; Creative Arts Ass't. Editor 12; Curriculum Advisory Council 11; Quill and Scroll 12; Sophomore Class Treasurer. **Karen Mathis** — Tennis 10, 11, 12; Powder Puff 12.



Deanna McKay — National Honor Society. **Randy Mayersky**, **David McCumber**, **Michael Meade**.



Lori Mecchia — Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; FHA 12. **Rich Melvick** — Basketball 9, 10; Football 9. **Jackie Menacher** — Swimming 8; Quest Club 11. **Sandy Merced** — Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Spanish 9, 10, 11; Student Council 11, 12; Pep Club 10, 11, president 12; Fast Break Club 23; **Merrillvue** 10, 11, 12.

Tim Mesarch — Honor Society 11, 12.
Dennis Metcalf — Basketball 9, 10, 11,
 12; Baseball 9; M-Club 12. **Annette**
Metlov, Sandy Metros — Pom-Pons 11,
 12; Choir 10.



Patty Metten — Swimming 9, 10, 11; M-
 Club 10, 11. **Jeffery Meyer, Jerry**
Meznarick, Joseph Michael.



Catherine Mihal, James Mikuly, Sherri
Modrak — Track 9, 10, 11, 12; Volleyball
 9; Golf 10, 11, 12; Powder Puff 10; M-
 Club 10, 11, 12; French Club 10, 11.
Darrell Mollick.



LeAnne Monzulla, Brad Moore —
 Swimming 9, 10, 11; M-Club 9, 10, 11, 12.
Sylvia Moravskij, Mary Morigi.



Willie Morris — Track 10, 11, 12; Pep
 Club 10, 11, 12; Jazz Band 10, 11, 12;
 Band 10, 11, 12. **Ronald Moses** — Track
 9; Football 9, 10, 11, 12. **Daryll Mroz,**
Jeffery Mueller.



MHS seniors share in daytime drama

The bell rings, half day seniors filled with excitement of the coming afternoon rush home, turn on the T.V. to watch — Soap Operas! Many students at MHS are hooked on the soaps. "I try not to ever miss them," commented Lisa Baisden, senior.

Going to school can be a problem for daytime drama lovers. Some take advantage of the Saturday review or a soap opera magazine to fill them in. Some, however, will only settle for

the real thing. "I always make sure to watch them on my day off," answered Denise Consorti's, senior.

Girls are not the only ones who keep track of daytime serials. Bill Koen, senior, said, "I always watch them, a lot of my friends do too."

Many people have favorites. "I like 'All My Children', the characters are believable," said Anne Guba, senior. Lori Jelesky, senior, made her preference obvious, 'General

Hospital' is the best!"

There are probably more useful ways to spend the afternoon, but for some, not more enjoyable. "I love watching the soaps. When you watch them you realize your problems are not that big," said Jelesky. Some people, it seems cannot live without them. Sharon Brown said, "I'd rather watch soaps than eat!"

Beth Bianco



David Nadolski. Jacqueline Neff — Softball 10, Volleyball 10, 11, 12; Basketball 10, 11, 12; FEA 10, 11, president 12; Orchestra 10, 11, 12; **Steven Nicholich. Thomas Nipper** — Band 10, 11, 12.



Peter Nonos — Basketball 9; Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12; National Honor Society 11, 12; M-Club 12. **Alan Ogan** — Football 9, 10, 11. **John Ogio. Dominic Olivadoti** — Soccer 10, 11. Chess 10.



Jane Oliver — French Club 10, 11, 12. **Greg Ordway** — Track 9; Cross Country 9; Orchestra 10, 11, 12; Sophomore Class president. **Scott Orosz** — Football 9; Basketball 9, 10; Soccer 12. **George Andrew Otterbacher**.



Karyn Palvas — Tennis 9, 10, 11, 12; Cheerleading 11, 12; Powder Puff 10, 11; M-Club 12; Spanish Club 10, 11; Prom Court 11; Homecoming Court 12 "Goodbye My Fancy" cast 10; National Honor Society 12; **Merrillius** 12; Quill and Scroll. **Daniel Pankiewicz** — Cross Country 9, 11; Tennis 10; Track 9, 10. **Alex Pantelic** — Basketball 9; Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Soccer 11, 12. **Mary Papageorge**.

Class Of '83 chooses career

Just when you thought all your troubles were gone, another one knocked at your door. It was the decision on what college you would be going to.

There are many questions you ask yourself before deciding on which college to go to. You first need to figure out if you're going to study, to make your parents proud, or just to party. Lisa Catenazzo, senior, said, "I plan to study a lot but also to do some partying. Who said you can't mix business with pleasure?"

After that decision is made, the next question is whether to go to an extension or to a campus. It sure sounds great to be away from parents and Merrillville. You are able to start a new life full of exciting happenings. Toni

Marando, senior, commented, "I don't know how I'm gonna decide to stay here or to leave. It will be harder to apply myself to studies without someone telling me to."

The next problem is money. With times like this, it is hard for anyone to just pick a college without looking into tuition costs. Also, there is the problem of getting accepted. It helps to receive a high score on SAT's. Chris Tomondi, senior, said, "The best thing is to get a lot of rest before the test. The way you feel could really effect your score."

There's not a lot of advice to give someone on their choice.

Lori Rimer



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Chris Pappas — Baseball 9; Football 9, 10, **Debbie Parks** — Thespians 11, 12; FEA 11, 12; Velveteens 11; Vocalteens 11; **Gris Glee** 10; Concert Choir 11, 12; Quill and Scroll Treasurer 10, 11; **Mirror** 10, 11; Singing Pirates 12. **Raymond Parpart** — Thespians 10, president 11, vice president 12; Vocalteens 11, president 12; Concert Choir 10, 11, 12; **Merrillvue** 12. **Dominic Paschia** — Soccer 10; Football 9.



Michael Pearson — Baseball Mgr. 9; Swimming 10, 11; Soccer 10, 11, 12; M-Club 10, 11, 12. **Jill Pennock** — Cheerleading 11, 12; Tennis 10, 11, 12; Powder puff 10, 11, 12; M-Club 12; Honor Society 12; **Merrillvue** 12; Quill and Scroll 12. **Karen Peters** — Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Spanish Club 10, 12. **Brian Petrovich** — Tennis 10; Cross Country 9.



Sue Pheanis, **Lynn Pigott** — Pom Pons 11, 12; Student Council 10; French Club 10; National Honor Society 11, treasurer 12; Science Club secretary 12. **Dawn Plumb**, **Judy Pluth** — Pom Pons 10, 11, Captain 12; National Honor Society 11, 12; Pep Club 10.





Bob Pochop, Jill Povlin — Volleyball 9; Basketball 9; National Honor Society 11, 12. **Thomas Prgomelja, Carolyn Price** — French Club 10, 11, 12; Thespians 10, treasurer 11, 12; Girls Glee 10; Velvetens treasurer 11, 12; Concert Choir 11, 12; "Goodbye My Fancy" cast 10; Sunshine Society 12.



Cy Price — Football 9. **Cooley Priestly, Frank Primich** — Football 9, 10, 11, 12. **Debbie Pruiett**.



Ross Pupillo, Mark Qualizza — Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12. **Loren Rachford** — Cross Country 12; Track 12. **Rade Radjenovich** — German Club 10, 11, vice president 12; Science Club 11; National Honor Society 11, 12; German National Honor Society 12; Junior Engineering Technical Society 11; Creative Arts Club 12.



Kimberly Radu, Charles Raehl, Margaret Reilly — Powder Puff 11, 12; Band 10, 11, 12; Thespians 12; Jazz Band 12; French Club 11, 12. **David Reimer**.



Robert Remley — Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Wrestling 9. **Karen Rendina** — Tennis 11; Student Council 10, 11, Secretary 12; Spanish Club 11; Prom Queen 11; Homecoming Court 12; **Merrillvue** 12; Quill and Scroll 12. **Tony Reyna, Lori Riddle** — Student Council 11, Treasurer 12; **Merrillvue** 12.

Lori Rimer — Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Quill and Scroll 12; **Merrillvue** 12; "Goodbye my Fancy" Cast 10. **Bridget Robertson** — Quest Club president 11, 12; French Club 10, 11. **Joseph Risner**. **Cheryl Rogers**.



Frank Rondinelli — Orchestra 10, 11. **Richard Rosendual**. **Robert Rosich**. **Danelle Ross**.



Nancy Rubush — Powder Puff 10; French Club 10, 11; Honor Society 11, 12; **Lisa Rusbasan** — German Club 10, 11; Sunshine Society 12; National Honor Society 11, 12; Pep Club 12. **Melissa Sadowski** — Basketball 9; Tennis 10, 11; Golf 10, 11, 12; Powder Puff 10, 12; M-Club 10, 11, 12. **Michael Sakaleros** — Football 9, 10, 11, Co-Captain 12; Soccer 10, 11, 12; M-Club 12; Pep Club 11; Senior Class vice president.



'T'errors 'P'roduce colorful mischief

What do you do on a boring Saturday night?

Some of the MHS students found some fun to keep them busy. They call it "Tee Peeing."

What do you need to tee pee?

First you gather up as many friends as possible. Then you find someone with a lot of trees. Lori Jelesky, senior, "There are lots of ways to decide on whose house to tee pee. It could be done to boost spirit, a special occasion, or just to let out anger or jealousy. But most of the time it's done for fun."

Finally you get the toilet paper. According to Jayne Strawhun, senior, "We use about 25-30 rolls to do a good job. But there isn't really a

limit." An unidentified student claims, "Everyone borrows the toilet paper from local businesses around the area." But Karen Huber, senior, added, "We usually all put in money and buy it generic. Sometimes we crack down and buy Charmin. It comes in lots of colors to add to the festive mood."

As you decorate all the trees, bushes, cars, mailboxes and anything

else you can find, you think of all the fun that person is going to have cleaning up. Mary Wolan, senior, said, "You try to imagine his face as he wakes up in the morning and looks out his window."

Of course, it was fun to tee pee someone's house, but it was rotten when yours got done.

Lori Rimer

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Cindy Saliek, John Sanchez, David Satka — Basketball 9, 10, 11, Tennis 9, 10, 11, 12; M-Club 10, 11, 12. **Cathy Santucci.**



Trish Scheub — Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; FEA 10, 11; Fast Break Club 12. **Leonard Schmidt** — Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; M-Club 12; **Merrillivue** 12; Quill and Scroll 12. **Michael Schreiber** — Vocalteens 12. **Trish Schreiner.**



Cindy Scott, Mike Sutkowski, Chris Sebben — Powder Puff 11, 12; Wrestling Mgr. 10, 11; Pep Club 11; French Club 10, 11; Senior Class Advisory Board. **Cathy Seber** — Powder Puff 10, 11; Pep Club 10, 11, vice-president 12; FEA 11; treasurer 12; Velveteens 11 vice-president 12; Choir 10, 11, 12; **Merrillivue** 10; Goody My Fancy 11, Cast 10; Revue 82 Cast, ass't director "Scrooge" 12.



Lynn Segraves, Mary Kay Sell, Andy Servin, David Shatkowski — Band 10, 11, representative 12; Thespians 12.



Bernard Shimley — Football 9; Spanish Club 10, 11; Band 10, 11, 12. **Kris Shudick, Diane Shuman, Karen Sierkowski.**

Anica Simonovski. Linda Slade, Laura Smallfield, Deborah Smith — Powder Puff 10, 11; French Club 10, 11, 12.



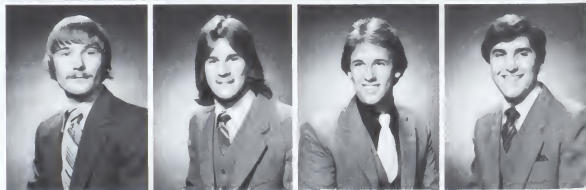
Karin Smith — Volleyball 9; Basketball 9; Powder Puff 10, 12. **Mark Smith** — Wrestling 10; Football 9. **Martin Smith.** Robert Smith — Football 10.



Steven Smith — Football 9; Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12. **Michael Sniderwine** — Football 9; Track 9; Golf 10. **Jeff Snemis** — Football 9; Wrestling 10; Track 9, 10, 11, 12; M-Club 12. **Justine Sobczak.**



John Sobierajski — Basketball 9, 10; Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12. **James Solich.** Mark Sopko. Dean Solon.



Kelly Spott — Volleyball 9; Swimming 9; Spanish Club 10, 11; FEA 12; Pep Band 10, 11, 12; Band 10, 11, 12; Jazz Band 10. **Mary Stanton** — Thespians 10, 11, 12; Band 10, 11, 12; French Club 10, 11, 12; National Honor Society 12; Pep Band 11, 12. **Janice Stefanelli** — Merrillvue 11. **Paul Steininger** — Football 9; Creative Arts Club, 12.





Villarreal

"For the seniors not going to Florida over spring break, we had to catch our rays at 'good old' MHS." — Mark Howe



Diane St. Martin — Band 10, 11, 12; Pep Band 11, 12; Thespian 11, 12; FEA 12.
Valerie Stoltz, Susan Stone — French Club 11, 12. **Jayne Strawhun** — Powder Puff 10, 11, Pon Pom 11.



Dian Strong, Julian Stryczek — Creative Arts 12; M-Club 12; Thespian 11; FEA 12; Fast Break 12. **Janet Swift, Jacqueline Swike** — Track 11; **Merrillvue** 12; Band 10, 11, 12; Pep Band 10, 11, 12; Orchestra 11, 12; Quill and Scroll 11, 12; **Mirror** 11, editor 12; Flag Corp 11, 12; NISBOVA 10.



Constance Takis — Powder Puff 10; Pep Club 12. **Tom Tasicas** — National Honor Society 11, 12. **Kerin Teller** — Powder Puff 12; Sunshine Society 12. **Michael Thomas** — Football 9, 10, 11; Basketball 9; Baseball 10.

Zvezdana Tica — National Honor Society 12. **Aretta Tindell**. **Kathy Trlikos**. **Helen Todorofski**.



Herb Tolman. **Christopher Tomondi** — French Club 11, 12; Creative Arts treasurer 12. **Brad Touchette** — Band 10, 11, 12; Pep Band 10, 11, 12; French Club 10, 11, president 12; National Honor Society 12; Thespians 10, 11, 12. **Tony Trpkovski**.



Cathy Turner. **Susan Turner** — Powder Puff 10, 11; Quest Club 10, 11. **Barbara Underwood** — Powder Puff 10; Pom-poms 11, 12; **Merrillvue** 11, Co-Editor 12; **Quill and Scroll** 12. **Dorene VanMeter** — Powder Puff 10; FEA 11; German Club 10, 11; Thespians 10; Choir 10, 11, 12; **Velveteens** 11, 12.



Seniors not pictured

Adamovich, Dragon
Arena, Joe
Beader, Ray
Betz, Ruth
Bielak, Anthony
Borns, Lisa
Bustos, Roberto
Canady, Kelly
Capusan, Jerome
Caviovic, Zelko
Chidester, Debra
Ciesielski, Anthony
Domonkos, Rich
Drca, Donna
Erlenbach, Julian

Fedorchak, MaryBeth
Flynn, Terrance
Giorgi, Andrew
Gladdis, Dennis
Gonzales, Sonia
Harms, Ralph
Hart, Robert
Henrichs, Dan
Holman, Nicholas
Hughes, Dale
Janickovic, Michael
Jankowski, Lisa
Jarosak, Carl
Jones, Bennica

Karakozis, Mark
Keller, Bradley
Kimmel, Felecia
Kleist, John
Komechak, Joseph
Kovacevic, Adam
Kralis, Greg
Kustric, Omer
Kyres, Bill
Lane, Scott
Lara, Franky
Leontaras, Penelope
Martin, Kirk
McGhan, Maureen

Papp, David
Pejic, Alexander
Pejoski, Steve
Petroskey, Edward
Phillips, Jefferson
Powell, Jackie
Rainford, Phillip
Ralston, Raymond
Ratajec, Tony
Rendleman, Richard
Rivera, Michael
Scrivner, Julie
Shriver, Kimberly
Sikanovski, John

Smith, Jackie
Sormaz, Peter
Swinson, Richard
Szkliarski, Douglas
Toigo, John
Tpezanovich, Ken
Tsiongas, Angelo
Tucker, Craig
VanSimaeys, Paul
Verbancic, Michael
Villaire, Francis
Wasick, Lawrence
Woods, Phil
Xidis, Susan



Louis Varela, Victor Vasquez, Violet Veljanoski, Christopher Vereb — Track 9, 10; Student Council 12.



Cheryl Vermillion — Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; Softball 9, 10, 11, 12; M-Club 10, 11, 12. **Pauline Vessely** — Track 9; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Pom pons 11, 12; Pep Club 10. **Todd Victor, Alonzo Villarreal** — **Merrillvue** 11, 12; **Mirror** 12; Science Club 12.



Robert Vincent, Eva Viisides, Daniel Vujovic — Tennis 11, 12; Chess Club 10, 11, 12; Thespians 10, 11, 12; National Honor Society 12; French Club 10, 11, 12. **Steve Wachowski**.



Rene Wagner — Band 10; **Cheryl Wainman** — Basketball 9; National Honor Society 11, 12. **Edgar Walker, Karyn Wampler** — Track 10, 11, 12; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Cheerleading 10, 12; M-Club 12; **Merrillvue** 12.



Kimberly Wardell — Orchestra 10, 11, 12. **Sheryl Weaver, Lori Webb, James West**.

Kurt Wiening, Katherine Wiggins —
Gymnastics 9; Powder Puff 10;
Cheerleading 10, 11, 12; M-Club 10, 11,
12; Quill and Scroll 11, 12; **Merrillvue** 11,
Co-editor 12. Basketball Homecoming
court 12. **Karen Wilk** — Powder Puff
10, 11, 12; French Club 10, 11, 12;
National Honor Society 11, 12; Creative
Arts Club 12; Pep Club 10, 11, 12.
Randall Wilkening.



John Williams, Kevin Wilson — Track
9. **Thomas Wirtz** — Football 9, 10, 11;
Wrestling 9, 10; Track 9. **Paul Tony
Wojas.**



Mary Wolan — Powder Puff 10, 11, 12;
Volleyball 9; Quest Club 10, 11. **Timothy
Wood, Eunkyong Cathy Won, Phil
Woods.**

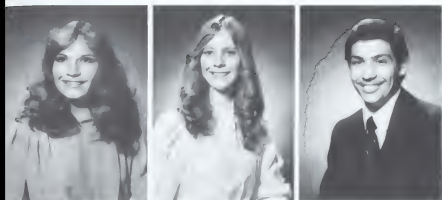


David Woodward — Wrestling 10, 11,
12; Baseball 10; Football 10, 11, 12; M-
Club 10, 11. **Bradly Wright** — Wrestling
10; Track 11; Spanish Club 11. **Julie
Wrigley, Niki Wukieh** — Powder Puff
11, 12.



John Yakubec — Cross Country 11, 12;
Track 11, 12; Mirror 12; **Daniel Yester,**
Jayne Yetsko — Powder Puff 12;
Merrillvue 12. **George Zaikos** —
Baseball 9, 10.





Desiree Zajac, Michelle Zakula, Pete Zervos — Soccer 11.



IN MEMORY

Steve Croarkin
Aug. 2, 1965-July 27, 1982

The death of Steve was a shock to his family and friends. Some of his interests during high school were hunting, biking and lifting weights. We extend sympathies to Steve's family and friends.

Vickie Franko
Jan. 30, 1965-Oct. 18, 1982

Vickie was a model of courage to many people and will be remembered for her bravery in the face of illness, and her zest for life. The memory of Vickie will remain with everyone at MHS.

Emil Perrotta
Jan 25, 1965-Feb. 16, 1983

Emil's family and friends regret his untimely death. In Emil's spare time, he enjoyed skiing, baseball and music. Emil's memory will live forever.

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Rolling Stones 'rock down' on Broadway

The junior Homecoming float was designed at the residence of Jennifer Thompson. This activity was sponsored by the Student Council and the Junior Class officers, Greg Karras, president; Mark Dimitri, vice-president; Caroline Guip, treasurer; and Beth Kormos, secretary.

The juniors had a late start, but with successful participation they portrayed the Rolling Stones image "Under My Thumb."

This popular theme was thought of by Carl Tully, junior. Tom D'Asto, junior, said, "Working on the float was just one major exciting activity involving Homecoming." Joey Lear, junior, commented, "working on the float was a lot of fun even though we didn't win any awards."

Kris Kouvelas, junior, said, "Working on the float was something fun to do on boring school nights."

Sue Long



V. Arreal

Terry Abney, Becky Adams, Mary Aeschliman, Jerry Alexander, Denise Anderson, Nancy Ausas, Desiree Baehler, Tina Balash.



Mark Balazs, Jerald Bandy, Brian Bardean, Deborah Barnes, Cynthia Bartman, Anthony Bertrom, Mark Bateman, Kevin Bell.



Lance Bella, Fred Bemish, John Benich, Darryl Bennett, Theresa Berger, Brian Bergstrom, Brad Berrier, Bob Berry.



Michele Bee, Dana Bialista, Donald Bianco, Ronald Bianco, Ed Bish, Lisa Bonich, Charlotte Bormann, Mark Boyd.



Catherine Braun, Christine Braun, Kathleen Brooks, Carin Brown, Richard Brown, Thomas Brown, Angela Burger, Chris Burke.





Robert Burke, Brian
Cade, David Cade,
Harcoll Cain, Paul
Campbell, Angella
Canchola, Susanna
Canchola, James
Cardenas.

Nancy Carlson,
Christopher Carrillo,
Lisa Carrigan, Michelle
Carrillo, Wendy Carver,
Anita Castellanos,
Lesly Casagino,
Jeffrey Chndd.

Patricia Chapman,
Claudia Chase, Jean
Chentnik, Bringer
Chibael, Angela
Christo, Rebecca
Christoff, Chna
Cimbaljevich, Cindy
Collie.

Amy Cook, Mike
Coppens, Joe Davis,
Vance Crowder, Brian
Curcio, Paula Daniel,
Patty Danyl, Toby
Darkins.

Tom D'Asto, Kendra
Decheske, Kathy
Demitrakis, David
Destinick, David
Destinick, Lori Davis,
Mark Dimiri, David
Dobrowski.

Ronald Doering, Pat
Doherty, Michelle
Domazet, Sean
Dougherty, Brett
Drake, Jean Dudak
Ilja Dukic, Jennifer
Duncan.

Warren Eckels,
Susanna Elbel,
Margaret Elch, Herbert
Eles, Denise Emery,
Sharon Ervin, Laurell
Evans, Kostas
Evdoklou.

Mary Fails, Dawne
Falk, Patty Fargo, Jeff
Faunaugh, Scott
Feneck, Pamela
Fiabable, David
Figueras, Rafael
Figueras.

Kevin Fitzgerald,
James Flannery, James
Flauding, Robert Fox,
Bob Farley, Elisabeth
Francis, Chris French,
Tim Franz.

Patty Freeman,
Raymond Fricke,
Kathleen Froman,
Stamatis Gallias,
Denise Gallagher, Julia
Gelocis, Al Garcia,
Bob Gard.

John Gawrysiak,
Martin Geary, Katherine
Gelb, Laurie
Gemeinhart, Annette
Gerlach, Ron Gilbert,
Lisa Gill, Marilyn Gill.

Andy Goodwin, Jill
Gordiano, Crystal
Giles, Martelle
Gonzalez, Terry, Carol
Ray Goyens, Laura
Grecher, Steven
Grantham.



Chryllee Green, Bob
Green, Kimberly
Greene, Steven
Greene, Nancy, Gress,
Stark, Griggs,
Bernadette Guanajuato
Eddie Guanajuato.



Jorge Guerrero
Carolina Gulp, Earl
Hofstet, Tony Haines,
Irene Halkias, Dawn
Halsted, Mike Hamady,
Karin Haraburdo



Mark Harding, Cheryl
Hart, Chris Hargrove,
Michael Harms, Jim
Harney, Kenny
Harrington, Wes Haupt,
Roger Hatcher



Melissa Henrichs, David
Henry, Tabetha Hicks,
Therese Higgins, Mark
Hines, Teresa Hirjak,
Linda Holnacki,
Clarissa Holdick.



Jeff Howell, Paulina
Huskins, Kenny
Hudecek, Mike
Hughes, Jeff Huntswell,
Trecy Irwin, Jacquelyn
Jaksa, Mark
Janickovic



Phil Janovick, Janet
Jasin, Lisa Jedynek,
Scott Jenks, Keith
Jennings, Vicki Jewell,
Ruth Jimenez, Laura
Jobe.



Joseph Jones, Corey
Joranson, Dan Jones,
Kari Joshi, Jeremy
Jude, Tim Joyce, Ruth
Kangstern, Anastasia
Karas.



Gregory Karras, Marla
Karras, Jim Kaurich,
John Kephart, Regina
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Kathy Kimberling

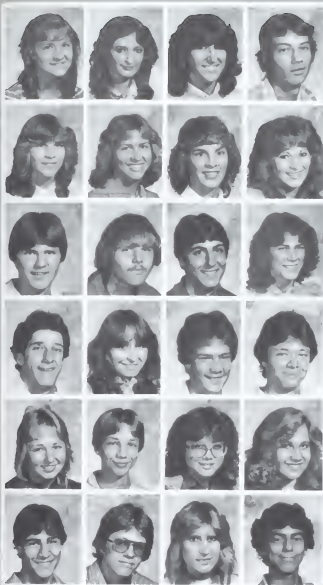


Jessie King, Ben
Kluger, Doug Klingner
Dawn Klotzky,
Myshelle Knopf, Jeff
Kovler, Elizabeth
Kormos, Craig Kosac



El Kostur, Irene
Kourtesia, Anna
Kousak, Kristine
Kouvelas, Susan
Kosak, Joann Krasich,
John Kraumick, Dan
Kreck.





Kathy Kirt, Angela Kretschmer, Linda Krupke, Jim Kubish, Phil Labach, Jeffers Lacoss, Ronald Lagonek, Richard LaMarca.

Rhonda Lamb, Casey Lamfalus, Christine Laser, Brian Layman, Krista Lee, Norman Lear, Dennis Lewis, Mandy Leposky.

Bill Lewin, Gregg Lewis, Chuckly Lopez, Janice Lilly, Frank Lobody, Steven Lockhart, Eduardo Lopez, Tomi Lovely.

Paul Lozanoski, Wendy Luck, Arnold Luebecke, Don Lunsford, Timothy Luptak, Robert Luttinen, Diane Luytsgaarden, Ken Madsen.

Lisa Magre, Chuck Mahaffey, Tina Mann, Millie Makonnen, Lisa Maletta, John Malocha, Beth Manoski, Deborah Marino.

George Marks, Doreen Marz, Steven Martin, Ferisvick Martinez, Kenneth Martinez, Greg Mason, Chris Massa, Garvin Mattingly.



Addicting Video Game craze attacks MHS students, faculty

Almost anywhere people went over the summer, they couldn't seem to resist feeling around in their pockets to see if they had just one quarter for one more game of "Pac Man" or some other video game.

The "video game craze" not only was a favorite pastime for students at MHS but some teachers found it an interesting way to pass the time away. Linda Christoff, English teacher, said, "I play a few times a week. I don't play as much though since I bought my own." Mrs. Christoff referred to herself as the "resident video junkie of the teaching staff." Mrs. Christoff also said, "My favorites are 'Pac Man' and 'Frogger'. I like 'Donkey Kong' too, but I'm not that good at it."

Many students even admitted to spending a great deal of money on video games in one night. Shawn Carlotta, senior, said, "One night I spent almost \$20 just on the games."

Carlotta added, "My favorite games are 'Pac Man' and 'Space Invaders'."

Along with spending a lot of money on games, students seem to be devoting a lot of time to games such as 'Pac Man'. George Mavros, said, "I could play for about an hour. The most I ever played was 24 hours." He also said, "I like to play 'Pac Man', 'Miss Pac Man', 'Galaxium' and 'Phoenix'."

Although some students seem to spend too much money and don't get a very long game out of their quarter Dean Ott, junior, said, "I can play on one or two quarters for about 45 minutes." Ott said, "My favorite ones are 'Tempest' and 'Galaxium'."

James Desjardins

Many of Friday night's students are eating pizza and playing video games for MHS students as Kathy Ower junior, demonstrates.

Sarah MacAnally,
Deanna McInnes, Brad
McCauley, Neil
McConnel, Amanda
McCowan, Bill McLean,
Diane McLaughlin,
McEllis



Dave McKee, Judy
McNally,
Ray Meade, Lisa
Measom,
Mike Meschede, David
Micallef, Joanne
Mintzberg,
Amy Mironik



Heidi Mironik, Debbie
Mironik,
Pete Mironik, Wendy
Mironik,
Nancy Mironik, Chris
Moore, Jeff Miller, Neil
Miller



Jay Morrison, Dean
Mironik,
Scott Mironik, Scott
Mironik, Chris
Mironik,
Michelle Mironik, John
Mironik,
Patty Mironik



David Mironik, John
Mironik,
Scott Mironik, Chris
Mironik,
Chris Mironik, Scott
Mironik,
Christopher Mironik,
John Mironik



'S'tudents 'A'wait 'T'esting for important college results

SAT Those three letters may not mean anything to some people but to college-bound high school students, they are a major part of their senior year. The Scholastic Aptitude Test is a must for anyone who has plans to attend college.

The SAT tests are taken on the first Saturday in May. Kris Kourvelas, junior, said, "I'm scared to take it because I get nervous when I have to take a test."

Even though nobody wants to go home early from their party or wherever they party, they know that they have to in order to be prepared for the next morning's event. The test can be prepared for by attending workshops that are offered the preceding months of the SAT. The workshops are held immediately after school for an hour in the room of the teacher who instructs the session. There are two different sessions available to the student, math and verbal. Students sign up for the workshop and later pay a fee of \$10. After this is done, they are later notified when the sessions

will start. The workshops are held two days a week for approximately ten weeks.

Sara MacAnally, junior, said, "I know it's something I have to take, but if I mess up, it could limit my choices of colleges." The SAT could limit a student's choice of colleges because the score enables the college administration to determine the students' abilities. After looking at the students' test scores and other qualifications, the college administration makes the decision whether or not to accept the student.

Although the test is mainly for the juniors, many seniors take the test so they can hopefully improve their scores. After the SAT test scores are calculated, they are sent to three colleges which are chosen by the student.

Janice Desatnick

Studying her geometry, Beth Kourvelas, junior, prepares for the SAT test which will be given in May.



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Danilo Nibach, Shari Nixson, Jeanne Nixson, Debbie Nowinski, Sherrie Nuzzo, Bridges Obregon, Timothy Ochoa, Jeff Oglego

Jeff O'Leary, Steve Onwadi, Kathy Oliver, Mike Oliver, William Olsson, Patty Ornelas, Karim Orkin, Robert Otano.

Dean Ott, Cindy Owens, Steve Padgett, Elizabeth Pallas, John Panas, Kandy Papageorge, Elvin Papagiamis, Nick Pappas.

Craig Parker, Julie Parlock, Angela Passaloukos, Shari Patterson, Robert Paul, Kathryn Pederson, Catherine Perso, Ella Peters.

Jay Perinetti, Jeff Petroff, Rosita Petrucci, Larry Peyton, Jim Phelan, Steven Phelan, Scott Phelan, Victor Phelan.

Natalie Poling, Connie Pope, Steve Pope, Pete Porter, Joel Potts, Susan Potrowski, Kathy Proulx, Kathryn Proulx.

Joan Puzoski, Ed Puskar, Leonard Ryan, Esther Rust, Earl Rakos, Lisa Ralston, John Ramsey, Duane Raymond.

Kathy Randman, Cindy Reder, Nina Reigan, Laurie Reinhart, Rick Renner, Michael Reynolds, Jon Risado, Timothy Richmond.

Timothy Riese, Richard Robinson, Linda Roe, Ed Roiff, Sheri Rose, Daniel Roszkowski, Jennifer Roth, Dave Roubelang.

Jim Rubush, Thomas Runbot, Timothy Runbot, Andrea Runskiewicz, John Sabo, Ann Sakes, Suzette Santiago, Pamela Sawochka.

Jeff Schneider, Craig Schoenfeld, Kim Scholz, James Schoori, Eric Schrenker, Ronald Schultz, Paul Schulz, Timothy Sears.

Clare, Sam Scott;
 Simpson, Andy Savage;
 Joan Sherry, Scott
 Sharp, Nihilie Shattlin,
 Mark Sharplock,
 Suzanne Shroverich.

Michael Shroy, Jamie
 Stancic, Tim Simic,
 and Simonovsk, Lisa
 Skarps, Daniel Smith,
 Lori Smith, Brian
 Smolar.

James Smoot, Thomas
 Sussanlow, Chris Sokol,
 Jayson Solich, Jerry
 Solich, Frank Soos,
 Jodi Sorbello, Helen
 Sormas.

Soren Sovlianski, Ed
 Spak, Michelle Spicer,
 James Spiroff, Lou
 Spriu, Randy St.
 Myers, Kathy Stanley
 Sally Steiner

Don Steininger, Bob
 Stephens, Jeff Stewart,
 Donna Shostetvick, Troy
 Smalley, Lani Soudewick,
 Shirel Stokovic, Laura
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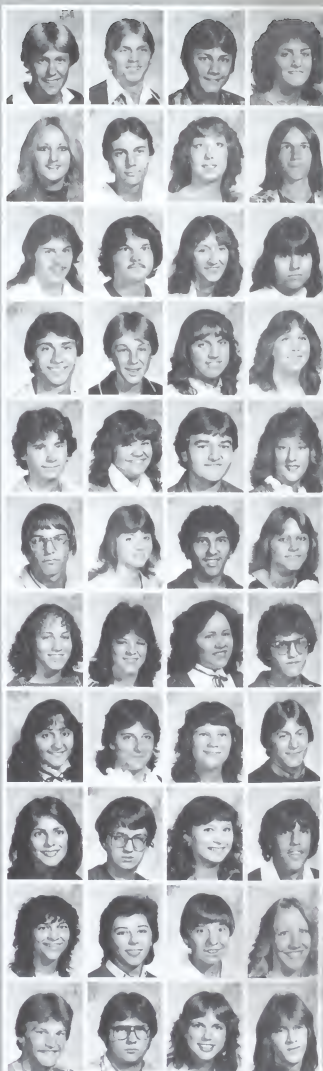
Joe Teller, Troy Terry,
 Michelle Teschovich,
 Annette Thompson,
 Jennifer Thompson,
 Suzanne Torgo, Douglas
 Thomas, Steve Thoms.

Brian Tretter, Michelle
 Trkulja, Alice
 Trowbridge, Debbie
 Traska, Vasilia
 Tsampa, Barbara
 Tighe, Janice Tucker,
 Carl Tully.

Jennifer Turean, Lisa
 Underwood, Richard
 Urbaneyk, Rodney
 Uhlman, Laura Valenti,
 Scott Vantill, Anne
 Vavra, Greg Velasquez.

Gigi Vergin, Diane
 Vermillion, Valerie
 Vesely, Monica
 Villarreal, Catherine
 Virgo, Rose
 Vraniskoski, James
 Wachowski, Robin
 Wade.

Lisa Wallace, Doug
 Waeke, Karen
 Walcott, Jeff Weaver,
 Dennis Weisman, David
 Weissert, Peggy
 Wreck, Steve Welch.



Junior 'J' Club exhibits school spirit

The Junior Class is showing more spirit than usual this year. This is due to their new founded club the J-Club. The J-Club is not an official school club. It is something that the juniors just wanted to do.

This newly formed pep club consists of Junior Class members. This is the first year for the J-Club. Debbie Mihok, junior, said, "The J-Club is the best and the coolest."

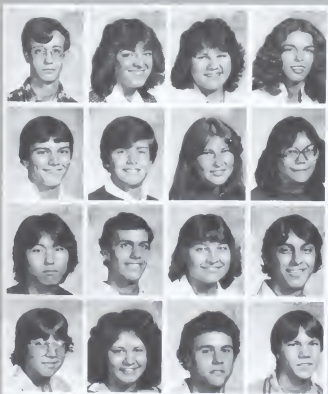
The J-Club was formed by John Molocha, president. Other officers are Jeff Howard; vice president, George Marks; secretary, and Ray Govert, treasurer. The J-Club has no sponsor. They took the responsibility of having meetings, raising money for junior activities and being at games solely upon themselves. The money raised goes toward weekend activities.

This new pep club has approximately 50 members, all juniors, of course. Meetings for the J-Club are not your typical meetings. Juniors do not meet after school from 3-4 p.m. Instead, they are in the morning by the junior class lockers.

Members of the J-Club are required to attend all sporting events. This is a requirement of the club.

Are there any future plans for the J-Club? Theresa Burger, junior, said future plans are "to have fun, and to make sure everyone remembers the class of 1984."

Leslie Lucas



Robert White, Sheri
Whiting, Debbie
Wiegman, Dawn
Wiegman, Steve
Wiegman
Tom White, Cole
William, Mary
William
Ken Wilson, Patrick
Whitman
Diane Wicks, David
Wicks
Dale, Mary, Randy
Wiegman
Sherry, Wendy
Kathleen Wicks
Clark, Wm. Gary
Woodward,
Karia Wasolak, David
Winkler,
Nicholas Yorkier,
Chris
Yon, Joseph, John
Leslie Zachary
Michael Zerkow, Tim
Zerkow,
Mike Zerkow,
Robert Zerkow

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Together in '85

"Stomp the Vikings" was the theme of the sophomore float. It took 40-50 members of the sophomore class to build the float.

Fifteen members of the class met each night for a week and a half to construct the float. The meeting took place at Dan French's, sophomore, house. French said of the float, "It took a lot of hard work and effort. All of the hard work has been worth it, even though as the parade came to an end most of the float had blown away."

Dawn Capp, sophomore, said, "The float really looked great." She was happy with the class of 85's work on the float. Ron Maihofer, sophomore, said, "The float's theme was very creative and original." Sophomore class officers were, Dan French, president; Mary Croarkin, vice president; Shawna Eberle, secretary; and Michele Kray, treasurer.

Jayne Yetso



Villarreal

Cheryl Adler, Gregg Akers, Jay Anderson, Peter Andreis, Vera Angelloff, Josie Arena, Jim Areka, Yvonne Armenta.



Kendall Ashley, Victor Astinger, Caroline Baldazo, Robert Barandela, Shelley Barkasi, Douglas Barnes, Louie Batides, Melinda Beach.



Dawn Bell, Diane Bellamy, Daniel Bellovary, Robin Benson, Marianne Berger, Thomas Bielefeld, Jennifer Bigelow, Michael Biron.

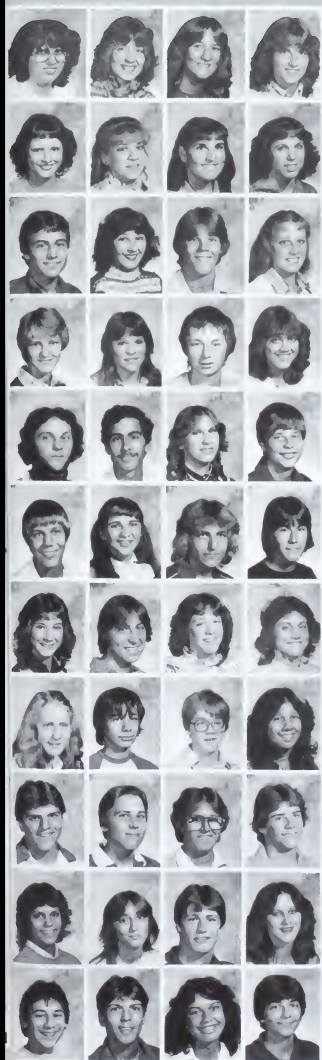


Amy Blair, Steven Blaney, Kimberly Boatner, Cindy Bogard, Mike Bondra, Lisa Bowling, Bonnie Bowman, Dawn Bowman.



Charlotte Boyd, Sandra Braun, Gayle Brice, Dawn Bridges, Carrie Broda, Michelle Broda, Carla Brown, Cheryl Brown.





Michelle Burns,
Kimberly Cagle, Dawn
Capp, Lisa Carpenter,
Teresa Carver, Louis
Castellani, John
Catcher, Kelly
Chandler.

Christine Childress,
Stasia Christos, Diane
Cio'vina, Jolynn
Coleman, Theresa
Collins, Bobbi Conn,
Mary Ann Connolly,
Patricia Corey.

Tom Covaciu, Natalie
Coyle, James Crim,
Mary Croarkin, Tiffini
Crownover, Cheryl
Cullinan, Carrie
Czarnecki, Allison
Dakich.

Christine Daniel,
Denise Darksins, Jeff
Darnell, Sherry D'Asto,
Darren Deboy, David
Dee, Denise Demo,
Steve Dienes.

Lowell Dillon,
Lawrence Dittoe,
Debbie Dix, Dan
Dockweiler, Donna
Dogan, John Donley,
Joni Dornburg, Ken
Dowd.

Andre Dubois, Tomi
Dudak, Ed Dudy, Chris
Dufresne, Vojislav
Dukic, James Dulla,
Dennis Duvall, Richard
Dyman.

Shawna Eberle, Terry
Eck, Karen Ector,
Jamie Edwards, Kevin
Eyged, Jennifer Ebel,
Richard Eleczko, Kelly
Elich.

Anne Elliott, Russell
Emerson, Mark
Enzwiler, Lori
Equihua, Neil Eubank,
Dean Evett, Karen
Eyrich, Mark Fesko.

Paul Fiacable, Joe
Fish, Garry Flaharty,
Mark Flanagan, Kathy
Foremski, Cheryl
Fossey, Jim Foster,
James Frantal.

Julie Fratzke, Paige
Freeman, Danny
French, Vicki Frey,
Deanna Froman,
Laurie Funder, Michele
Gallagher, Robert
Gallagher.

Jose Galvan, Manuel
Garcia, Veronica Garza,
Bob Gasich, James
Gavelek, Rodney
Gayda, Arthur Geberin,
Deborah Gee.

Robert
Geller, Brian Gill,
Christopher Gill, Terry
Gill, Jeffrey Giltz,
George Glagola, Ralph
Glenn.



Danny Gojnerac,
Marlene Golding, Al
Gomez, Lori Goodwin,
Rick Gorby, Regina
Gornick, William
Gornik, Doug Gough.



Cheryl Graeber, Daniel
Green, Susan
Greenberg, Carl
Griffin, Jesse
Guardiola, Andrew
Guba, Doug Guernsey,
Scott Guernsey.



Mike Gurgevich, Julie
Gutjahr, Danette
Guzman, Kathrine
Gyftakis, Jill Habrych,
Alisa Hafner, Linda
Hajvert, Kevin Hamer.



Michael Hammond,
Laura Hanas, Kenneth
Hanisko, Ellissa Hatala,
Patricia Haupt, Tim
Haviza, Kenneth
Heming, Karen
Hendrickson.



David Herbert, Richard
Hernandez, Santiago
Hernandez, Jamie
Hiatt, Deanna Hill,
Kevin Holloway, Mary
Hovanec, Jamie Hoyt.



Nikollette
Hronopoulos, Kevin
Huber, Kimberly
Hughes, Sonya Hytche,
Kristi Irwin, Radmila
Ivetic, Gordon Ivetch,
Darla Jackson.



Joe Jamrok, Desire
Jansen, Elizabeth
Jasiak, Karen Johnson,
Robert Johnson, Brent
Jones, James Jones,
Pam Jones.



Patricia Jones, Gail
Juloski, April
Jurasevich, Karl
Kacerski, Rebecca
Kachur, Lawrence
Kacmar, Richard
Kalmas, Laura
Kapitan.



Lena Karabetos, Kire
Karamacoski, Paul
Kasprzak, Francis
Katris, Kelley Kaurich,
Andrea Kawicki, Robin
Kendron, Corky
Kersteff.



Roman Kirby, Ronald
Kirby, Harriet
Kiriakopoulos, Benay
Kirk, Nancy Kirk,
Karen Kirksey, Natalie
Kis, Paul
Klimaszewski.



Driver's license 'key' to independence

One of the most exciting things for a teenager is to receive his driver's license. Most teenagers obtain them in their sophomore year.

The majority of the sophomore class took driver education this summer either from Certified Driving School or from Crown Point High School. The price ranged from \$90 to \$100.

Sharin Pigott, sophomore, got her permit in December. Pigott said, "I will be glad to be able to pick up my friends by myself, instead of with my parents." Pigott, hoping mom will supply the gas, is looking forward to getting her license.

Mike Sheyatovich, sophomore, who owns his own car, received his license in November. Mike said, "I want my own license so I can go on dates."

Vera Angeloff, sophomore, who won't be getting her license till March, stated, "It will be fun driving around without my parents." Vera also said, "Having the independence is a new adventure."

Some sophomores already have their driver's license. Dee Dee Jansen is one of the lucky ones. She received her license last year, along with a new car. Jansen said,



Kawicki

"It's great driving to the games with all my friends." Having a job, she is not worried about the cost of gas!

Driving is a new and important privilege for Laura Kapitan, sophomore, as she heads home after a long school day.

Karyn Wampler



Matthew Knish, Dirk Komp, Charles Koonce, Karol Krawczyk, Michele Kray, Ken Krmpotich, Christine Kroll, Mark Krutz

Shelly Kuzemka, Peggy Lach, Jasmina Lackovic, Jennifer Larson, John Leaser, Steven Leontaras, Tracy Lepp, Mark Lieber.

Doug Lind, Colette Lindborg, Sandra Lines, Tom Lipton, Michael Lobody, Ana Lopez, Guy Louie, Larry Lucas.

Ben Luna, Jeffrey Lynn, Mark Lynn, Hurford Lytle, Michael Macchia, Penny Macchia, Jay Mack, Steven Mackanos.

Lois Maginot, Mark Mahaffey, Ron Maihofer, Geri Malicki, Catherine Malocha, Jeffery Maloney, Samsamay Manichh, James Marando.

Dennis Margaris,
Donald Markovich, Jeff
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Daniel Mathis, Paul
Matthews, George
Marvos, Bill McCarthy.

Donna McCloud,
Melissa McCroskey,
Joanie McGee, Greg
McGuire, Darryl
McIntire, Karen
McKay, Jack
McKinney, Darin
Meadows.

David Megquier, Mark
Merced, Mike Mesarch,
Susan Metros, Steve
Meus, Eric Michael,
Steve Michael, Sava
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Mike Miner, Scott
Modglin, Tamara
Modrak, Michael
Mokol, Paula Moon.

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Morillon, Melissa
Morris, Patricia Moss,
Amy Munguia, Matt
Naspinski, Theresa
Navarro, Denise
Neskes.



Sophomores enjoy 1 hour of fun, variety

In order to graduate sophomores are required to take gym class for two semesters.

Shawn Vowell, sophomore, said, "Gym class keeps my body in tone." He added, "I get a chance to exercise, play football, basketball and other sports. If I had a choice I wouldn't mind having to take gym again next year because I think it is a lot better than sitting in a classroom!"

Kim Stone, sophomore, commented that she is glad it's her last year of gym because "it is a hassle".

However, Corky Kersteff, sophomore, thinks high school gym has more to offer than junior high. "You can swim, play tennis, ping-pong, and there are many other activities," Kersteff added.

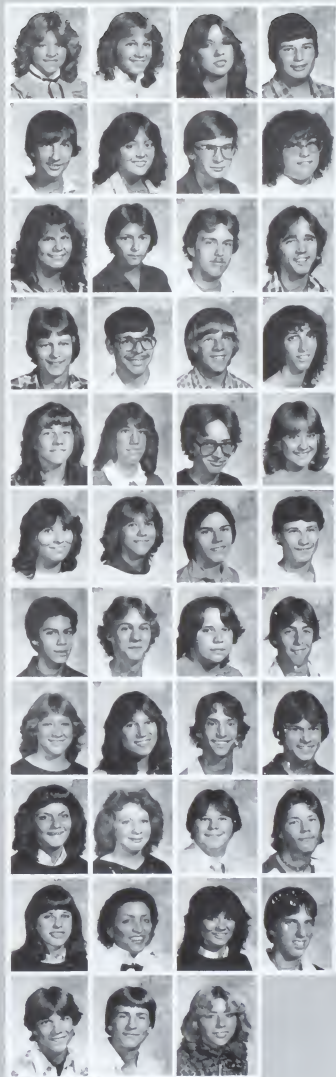
Jamie Edwards also thinks there is more to do and "you can goof off a little."

Laura Gavelek

Swinging into action. Theresa Navarro, sophomore, plays ping pong in gym class.



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Having a good time, Jim Jones, Bill Gornick and Rich Dyman, sophomores, take time out at a home basketball game.

Dan French and Tom Covacic, sophomores, steer the class of '85's Homecoming float down Broadway.



Beverly Ambroziak, business;
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Armontrout, physical education,
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Armstrong, English; **Mary Ann**
Bertram, foreign language.



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Dean Hess, business.



Bill Howard, science, Senior Class
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Richard Hurey, industrial arts;
Max Hutchison, mathematics,
 golf coach; **John Jardine**,
 industrial arts.



MHS teachers appear at night school

After school, everyone is in a hurry to get home and do activities they were looking forward to all day. But teachers such as James Edgcomb, U.S. History teacher, and Robbie Bothwell, business teacher, return to school even after a long hard day of teaching. These two teachers have something in common: they teach night school and Adult Education.

Their attitudes towards the students differ because of the age group involved. Mrs. Bothwell teaches accounting and students "are there

because they want to be." A class mostly composed of adults, "they are here to learn a skill they can use in life to better themselves," said Mrs. Bothwell. They are "cooperative" and "aren't afraid to give answers" to questions asked from the teacher, she reported.

Although the adults are taking the same accounting course offered to students. They are paying to come to night school and "try really hard to perfect their skills," said Mrs. Bothwell. "Their accomplishments are

good despite the fact that they have families and full time jobs. I really enjoy working with them," she added.

Mr. Edgcomb teaches U.S. History at night school and Adult Education. "Most students are there because they have to be for credits to graduate," said Edgcomb. The class he said, divides into groups, just like MHS, and he gets answers from students who are their for the history course as an extra. The course is the same as the course given to us, but the reading is easier because night school and Adult Education don't have the funds for new books so they use the ones the school is done with when the new books arrive.

The attendance rate is good, because, according to Mrs. Edgcomb, "If a student misses more than three nights, it's below the state requirement. It's easier to get expelled in night school and Adult Education." Mr. Edgcomb also added, "It's a little more challenging opportunity for students.

So while students are going home at 3 p.m. and are looking forward to an evening of fun or even a job, some people are still going to school.

Karen Sierkowski



Answering an important question, James Edgcomb, night school teacher, instructs his students of U.S. History.

Robbie Bothwell, night school teacher, demonstrates the basics of accounting to her adult education class.

Private life begins after 3:15 p.m.

Some students might think that teachers are just older people who come to school to teach and be mean by sending them to the office or the pit. But in reality, teachers are human too.

And what's more, they have hobbies just like everyone else.

Teachers at MHS have interesting pets, hobbies and pastimes. Some of the teachers do ordinary things like reading and

sports. Patricia Armstrong, English teacher, said she enjoys reading and traveling, and she has a Siamese cat. Bernadine Putz, business teacher, enjoys reading and piano, while Janice Hughes, business teacher, enjoys reading and doing the crossword puzzles in the **Chicago Tribune**. Other teachers have more unusual and interesting hobbies. Mary Jeffries, foreign language teacher, has a interesting pastime. She said she likes crewel, stichery and knitting, and her pet is her granddaughter, Amy, who is two and a half. She also has a pet parakeet. Carolyn Tipton, physical education teacher, has a huge Calico cat and a white Lhasa Apso dog. Roger Hankins, history and Quest teacher, enjoys racquetball and skiing. Robert Bergeson, business teacher, enjoys racquetball, and referees wrestling and umpires baseball. In business teacher Grace Bovard's home, her husband isn't boss ... she has a Siamese cat that is 16 years old who runs the house. The last of some of the interesting hobbies came from Margaret Stallings, home economics teacher, who has two cats named AC and DC, one is a mutt cat, and the other an Abyssinian cat.

Dawn Lisek

Carolyn Tipton, physical education teacher, cuddles her adorable puppy, appropriately named, Snowball Tipton.



MHS teachers not photographed

David Abraham, industrial arts;
Robert Bergeson, business; Lee
Bottom, industrial arts, Prom
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Jim Dailey, industrial arts; Rick
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Judy LeDuc, business; Diane
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George Novack, industrial arts;

Geraldine Rainey, English for the
Foreign Born; Bonnie Sanders,
foreign language; Violet Schmuck,
math; John Seale, industrial arts;
Darlene Siwietz, English; Don Slys,
science assistant basketball coach;
Dorothy Thompson, English;
Madeline Wilson, foreign language



Mary Jeffries, foreign language, Spanish Club sponsor; **Jerry Kasarda**, English, Quest sponsor; **Sharon Knoth**, visually impaired; **Barbara Koby**, English; **Gladys Leas**, business.



Eleanor Lewis, art, co-sponsor Creative Arts Club, Head Prom sponsor; **Agnes Lynch**, English, Academic Quiz Bowl coach; **Kim Manigault**, special education; **Shirley Matsiak**, guidance counselor; **Bill Metcalf**, physical education, baseball coach.



Dan Molchan, physical education; **Dave Moore**, industrial arts, Sophomore Class sponsor; **Joe Morrow**, English, Thespian Club sponsor, Fall and Spring play manager, Revue manager; **Patrick Mulloy**, social studies, girl's softball coach, Student Council sponsor; **Cheryl Nash**, English.



Jack Neuliep, science, girl's cross country and track coach; **Christine Pavel**, English, Earth Science Club sponsor; **Marilyn Pluskis**, art; **Delores Foxon**, nurse; **Bernadine Putz**, business.



Janice Qualizza, Athletic Director; **Jerry Reinhart**, Music Director; **Margaret Stallings**, home economics; Prom sponsor; **Gene Talmadge**, social studies; **Valerie Tanke**, English, publications adviser, Quill and Scroll sponsor, Prom Sponsor.



Carolyn Tipton, physical education; **James Vermillion**, science, girls basketball coach; **Carol Von Behren**, home economics; **Sue Williams**, Band Director, Flag Corps sponsor; **Bruce Woods**, English, Revue Director.



Genevieve Wooldridge, mathematics; **Vel Wooldridge**, Audio Visual Director, Audio Visual club; **Boyd Yeoman**, mathematics, Sophomore Class sponsor.

Staff works all year round

While MHS students are enjoying their summer vacations, MHS secretaries and custodians are still hard at work. During the school year, secretaries are busy typing, answering phones, xeroxing and dealing with students, parents and the administration.

The secretaries come in as early as 6:30 or 7:30 a.m. and work until 3:30 p.m. "I enjoy working with the students," said Elizabeth Frasca, receptionist in charge of student activities.

Dorothy Goetze, office manager, and Shirley Barclay, registrar, work all

year and all summer.

The custodians of MHS also work during the summer. "I supervise the swimming locker room and care for the athletic uniforms," said Helen Moravskij, custodian. "I work all summer scrubbing floors and cleaning the school top to bottom," said Carol Christensen.

The custodians don't have many major problems. The leaking roof was a problem in '83, but since it's been repaired it shouldn't cause any more problems.

Mary Krol



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Tom Herbert, assistant principal, explains the instructions in typing a handbook to Elizabeth Frasca, secretary

Taking time out to pose, Doris O'Rear, cafeteria worker, prepares lasagna for lunch.



While tidying up a room, Joe Colvin, custodian, carefully straightens the desks.



Cafeteria Workers — Front Row: Marie Bowen, Doris O'Rear, assistant mgr., Barbara McKay, Mary Cloyd, manager, Karen Rader, assistant cashier, Arlene Phillips, Alice Carrara. Second Row: Rata Sponel, Zula Starr, Ann Frank, Norma Manis, Christine Cogley, Shirley Kuhn, Jane Depta, head cashier, Mary Corey, Maryann Vernia. Back Row: Judy Storey, aide, Louise Hodorack, Dolores Balcerak, Betty Keegan, Audrey Franz, Doris Rogers, aide.

Aides — Front Row: Jean Smith, Gloria Zale, Mary Halkias. Back Row: Sue Mathews, Margaret Leposky, Janet Pennock.

Secretaries — Front Row: Shirley Barclay, Jean Webb, Marlene Harmon. Back Row: Dorothy Hogan, Dorothy Goetze, Barbara Richter.

Ron Smith, general manager of Curry Copy Center, checks a layout for a job resume.



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Different ages blend together

There are many new things that await sophomores that come to MHS. It's a big change from the junior high schools. For example, there are more extracurricular activities at MHS, also the class schedules and lunch hours are different. Once the sophomores got acquainted with the school, they had fun. "On the whole, the upperclassmen made me feel welcome," commented Donna Vasquez, sophomore.

For most people, the junior year means a lot of planning for the senior year and college. "My junior year took a lot of work to fill out and mail applications to various colleges. It's also hard to decide which college to go to," said Jean Dudak, junior.

Besides all the work, students still get together and have fun. Toward

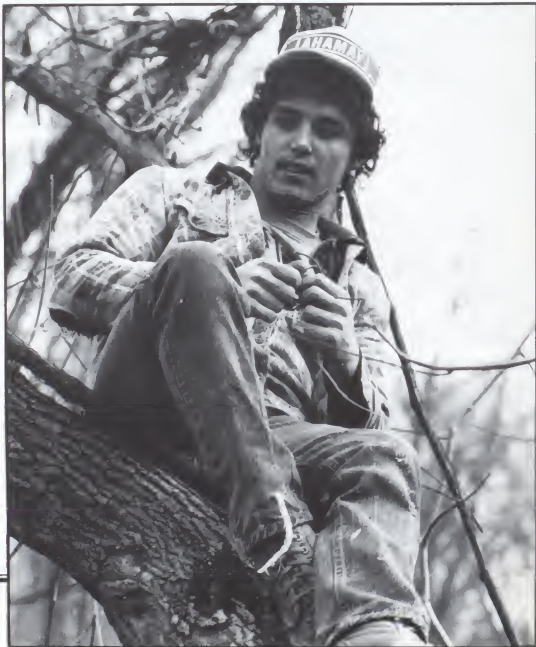
the end of the year, juniors attend graduation parties and say good-bye to their senior friends.

Finally, the senior year is especially a "One of a Kind" year. Seniors have the privilege of going half a day and graduating midterm. "I feel going half a day is a great idea because a person can complete their education along with having a part time job," added Amy Absher, senior.

Everyone looks forward to their senior year but it goes so quickly. By the end of the year, students are sad because their friends are all going their separate ways after graduation. It's the end of the "best years" but yet the beginning of a "One of a kind" future.

At the prom, several couples enjoy a fun evening of dancing at the Greek Hall.

Troy Jansen, senior, finds some peace and quiet at the Dunes State National Park.



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OF A KIND



Parpart

Tony Haines, senior, crosses the finish line and aids in the Pirate victory over Hobart.



With the male belly dancer Apollo on her lap Agnes Lynch, retiring English teacher, is surprised by her sixth hour class before she leaves MHS after 25 years of teaching.

Many seniors try to understand their assignment in government class as the end of the school year approaches.



Vincent



Parpart

Jim Marando, sophomore, gets his classes together for next year during arena scheduling.



Kawicki

As the end of the year nears, Dan Kendt, senior, studies for his trig final.

After Senior Breakfast and Commencement practice, Cory Golkowski, Joe Bardeson and Rudy Lekar, seniors, proudly parade around the school.



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Another 'One of a Kind' year for Merrillville in 1983

Although the "One of a Kind" year comes to a close, true friendships live forever. As students come to MHS as sophomores, the students from Pierce and Harrison immediately became friends. "After being rivals with Harrison for three years, I found that the people there are really nice, too," said Cathy Santucci, senior.

Adding to the diversity at MHS, many people participate in sports. Joining teams, such as football, tennis, and golf enable people to make friends. "After being on Student Council for two years, getting to go to camp was a good experience as far as communicating and being a good friend," commented Anne Guba, senior.

Also, there is a wide variety of clubs for everyone to participate in. This is a good way to get to know people. "There are so many different clubs at MHS, it's easy for people to make friends," commented Rose Vraniskoski, junior.

There are many academic organizations that enable people to make friends. The Honor Society has been a club at MHS for many years. "The Honor Society is a special club and I met a lot of nice people in it," said Lynn Pigott, senior.

The Key club is a new club and it is a community service group. It is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club. "I wanted to join the Key Club to do service for other people in the community," said Eric Michael, sophomore.

The Jets Club is also an academic club. A group of students compete against other schools in the math field. Eric Schrenker, junior, stated, "It was an experience being on the Jets team, not to mention the nice people I met."

The students at MHS all have different interests, but they all find the joys of friendship, which makes us "One of a Kind."



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By the turning of the tassels, these once students of MHS are now on their way to a new beginning.

MHS experiences special year for everyone

As the 1983 school year came to a close, it was evident that MHS experienced a **"One of a Kind"** year.

MHS students excelled in sports. For the first time in the school's history MHS proudly produced one three-time state champion. Also, our entire group of athletes captured the Duneland Conference All Sport Trophy.

In academics, MHS students witnessed the computer boom. Classes for next year were filled quickly.

New organizations were introduced and old clubs expanded. Many clubs even started new traditions while maintaining the old.

A **"One of a Kind"** school provided students with a **"One of a Kind"** year.

Barb Underwood, Kathy Wiggins

Trying on their caps and gowns before the graduation ceremony, Kathy Sever, Eva Visides and Jane Oliver, senior, show why they think MHS is **"One of a Kind"**.



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